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JAPAN WATCHES MANCHURIA.

WILL PREVENT PASSAGE OF ARMED TROOPS.

PEKING BRITISHERS PREPARE FOR EVENTUALITIES.

WARNED BY THE LEGATION.

The trend of events in North China is difficult to ascertain, though the Nationalists appear to be advancing slowly towards Tientsin and Peking.

The principal danger to the capital comes from the Shansi leader, Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, whose forces have captured Yichow, about seventy miles south-west of Peking and are launching an attack on Chochow.

Tientsin messages show that heavy fighting has taken place between the Northerners and the Kuomintang north of Machang as the result of a movement by Feng Yu-hsiang which threatened to cut off the retreat of the Shantung troops.

On the other hand, an authentic report from Peking states that Marshal Chang Tso-lin is about to launch an offensive against Feng Yu-hsiang on the Peking-Hankow Railway, and that his two principal commanders, General Yang Yu-ling and General Chang Hsueh-liang, have proceeded to Paotingfu.

No authentic information relating to the Nationalist reception of Japan's Four Demands has been received. A Tokyo message states that the Japanese are determined to prevent fighting in Manchuria and are contemplating the despatch of reinforcements to Shanhaikuan on the Manchurian border. The Japanese will, it is understood, prevent the passage of all troops, Northern or Southern, unless they first discard their arms.

A lengthy debate has taken place in the House of Commons on China generally and on the Nanking appeal to the League of Nations in particular.

It is denied that Britain will take any step to prevent the advance of the Southerners on Peking.

FOREIGN DEFENCES AT TIENTSIN.

Peking, May 16. The commander of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's troops which captured Tachow without resistance on May 11th, sent a vanguard to the vicinity of Machang.

The Shantung troops are now threatened in the rear, while the Tientsin-Peking area is thus seriously endangered.

A message from Tientsin indicates that fighting has been taking place north of Machang between the advance troops of Feng Yu-hsiang and the retreating Northerners, but the outcome is not certain.

Japanese Preparation.

The Japanese state that only one additional company is being sent to Peking, but it is notable that their agents are working with great activity and are procuring quarters for several hundred troops in the ex-Austrian Legation quarter. The Japanese defences are being strengthened.

The British authorities have issued instructions to British nationals to prepare to move to the Legation Quarter at any moment.—*Reuter.*

Martin Law at Peking.

Peking, May 16. Both Chinese and foreigners are sending their valuables to the Legation Quarter.

Peking is outwardly quiet, but much larger patrols are engaged in the streets, while no person is allowed in the streets after ten o'clock in the evening.—*Reuter.*

Shansi Thrust Towards Peking.

Shanghai May 17. A telegram received in Nanking from General Yen Shi-shan states that the central column of the Shansi forces is advancing rapidly towards Peking. So far the vanguards of this force have passed Tsingkingwan and are continuing their advance towards Yichow, which is about thirty miles south-west of Chochow.

General Yen also states that Paoting was captured on the 13th, when a large number of Fengtien troops were taken prisoner. The Shansi forces will now launch a general attack on Chochow, which is about forty miles south of Peking.

A report from Taiyuan states that the Nationalist troops who effected the capture of Paoting have been ordered to continue their advance northward along the Peking-Hankow Railway. The Fengtien forces under General Yu Chai-shan has retreated to Laiyun.

The main force of Shansi cavalry is reported to have reached Ching-shuho, where a Fengtien Brigade went over to Shansi forces.

The Nationalist Headquarters at Shichaiwang will soon be removed to Paoting in order to facilitate the operations on the Peking-Hankow Railway.—*Nam Chung Pau.*

JAPAN READY FOR TROUBLE.

Measures to Prevent Spread to Manchuria.

Tokyo, May 16. The Cabinet, after studying the reports from North China of various military operations and movements, has come to the conclusion that the foreign garrison at Peking and Tientsin is sufficient to cope with the present situation.

The Cabinet has, however, decided to divert part of the Nagoya Division to Tsingtao, if necessary, and also that the utmost must be done to prevent the disturbances spreading to Manchuria.

Refusing Passage to Troops.

In order to maintain order in Manchuria, it is understood that the Cabinet is now considering taking steps to refuse passage to armed troops, whether they be Northerners or Southerners, through Shanhaikuan.

Redressing the difficulty of preventing the passage of troops, the Government is also considering the despatch of reinforcements to Shanhaikuan, if necessary.—*Reuter.*

NORTHERN OFFENSIVE.

Peking to Launch Attack on Feng Yu-hsiang.

Tokyo, May 17. A message from Peking states that Marshal Chang Tso-lin is preparing to take advantage of a lack of preparation by Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang to launch an offensive along the Peking-Hankow line. It is stated that the offensive will be conducted under the direction of General Yang Yu-ling, Chief of Staff, and General Chang Hsueh-liang, Chang Tso-lin's son. The Northern leaders have already left for Paotingfu.

Shanhaikuan Withdrawal.

Meanwhile, another despatch that the Mukden commander, General Wu Chung-sheng, who is at present at Shanhaikuan with a large body of troops, has been instructed to withdraw most of his force to Mukden.

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BRITAIN URGED TO INTERVENE.

SUPPORT NANKING'S LEAGUE APPEAL.

LORD CUSHENDUN STRESSES NO ENCOURAGEMENT.

ADD TO DIFFICULTIES.

London, May 16. Accusations by the Labour Members that the British Government was proceeding in a dilatory manner in connexion with the appeal of the Nanking Government to the League of Nations, were strongly denied in the House of Commons.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson sought to impress upon the critics that the Government must await the decision of the Secretary-General of the League, upon whom the duty developed of taking action.

In reply to further question, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs said he was not aware what action was being taken by the officials of the League in connexion with the appeal from Nanking.

In the circumstances, it was premature to consider what instructions it was necessary to give to the British representative at Geneva.

Lord Parmoor Anxious.

The matter was also taken up by Lord Parmoor, the Labour Peer, in the House of Lords. He sought information regarding China from Lord Cushendun, who replied that a considerable time ago, Sir Austen Chamberlain had informally inquired of various sources to ascertain whether any suggestion as regards involving the League of Nations would be acceptable.

It was a mistake to suppose that Sir Austen had allowed the state of affairs in China to go on for so long without considering whether the League of Nations could take any part in bringing about peace, but there was no such thing as a Government in China.

No Encouragement.

Sir Austen had received absolutely no encouragement, and it was made clear to him that such a proposal would at present meet with no success, while it might even add to the difficulties of the situation.

The Nanking Political Committee had addressed a telegram to the League of Nations asking the machinery of the League to be applied in the Tainanfu Incident, but the Political Committee was not a member of the League.

No appeal had been made to the British Government.

No Right at All.

Lord Cushendun who is the British representative on the Council of the League of Nations, pointed out that Article Eleven provided for definite procedure in regard to an appeal.

It must be presumed that the Secretary-General and the President would now consider the position, but he did not think that the British Government had any *locus standi* of any kind to interfere at the present moment in support of the application.

Urged To Support Nanking.

Lord Parmoor pleaded strongly in favour of Britain backing up the Nanking telegram to Geneva, and contended that by so doing, the technical difficulty would disappear.

Lord Cushendun said that in one sense an international quarrel might at present exist between Japan and Nanking but after all, Japan was a Member of the League, and clearly the British Government could not treat the Japanese Government in such a rough and ready way as Lord Parmoor implied.

He assured Lord Parmoor that if the spiteful chaos in China could be overcome, Britain would not be deterred by a technicality.—*Reuter.*

D'OISY'S FLIGHT DISASTER.

AIRMEN'S NARROW ESCAPE FROM INCINERATION.

REPAIR IMPOSSIBLE.

Rangoon, May 16. A disastrous end has been brought to the flight from Paris to Hanoi, Hongkong and the Far East, of Captain Pelletier d'Oisy, the famous French aviator.

His machine crashed at Akyab, and though he escaped injury, both his companions have been taken to hospital, one of them seriously hurt.

The details of the crash show that d'Oisy descended at Akyab with engine trouble, and after working on the machine to repair the defect, an attempt was made to take off again.

The plane had scarcely risen when the engine failed again and d'Oisy was forced to land in a paddy-field near the aerodrome. The under-carriage was carried away and the machine wrecked.

It will be impossible for the flight to be continued.

The airmen had a miraculous escape from incineration when the petrol poured out of the tank after the crash.—*Reuter.*

ATLANTIC AIRSHIP MAILS.

FURTHER TRIALS STILL NECESSARY.

London, May 16.

Asked in the House of Commons whether his attention had been called to a proposal to build a fleet of airships for the transatlantic mail service, Sir Samuel Hoare, Air Minister, said the whole object of experiments in connexion with airships was to carry out exhaustive tests before expansion took place.

No money could therefore be spent on the airship development projects until the R100 and the R101 had carried out their trials and satisfied all specification conditions.—*British Wireless.*

LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND SUGAR.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER PROBLEM.

Geneva, May 17.

The Consultative Economic Committee has appointed a sub-committee, over which Sir Atul Chatterjee will preside to enquire into the sugar question.

The decision arises out of a suggestion by Belgium that owing to the depression in the sugar industry, an international Convention dealing with the problem should be drawn up.—*Reuter.*

ADOLPHE MENJOU MARRIES.

BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM'S SECOND VENTURE.

Paris, May 16.

The Marie 15th Arrondissement was the scene of the wedding of the film star, Adolphe Menjou, and Miss Kathryn Carver, to-day.

The previous marriages of both bride and bridegroom were dissolved last year. The bride was formerly the wife of a New York Society photographer.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN RESIDENT IN PERSIA.

SAME GUARANTEES AS FOR BRITAIN.

Berlin, May 16.

The trade agreement between Persia and Germany expired on April 10th, but a new provisional agreement has been concluded.

The new treaty gives the Germans a Resident in Persia with the same legal guarantees as have been conceded to Great Britain.—*Reuter.*

COTTON INDUSTRY CRISIS.

MR. BALDWIN'S PLAIN SPEAKING.

"CUT OUT DEAD WOOD AND CLEAN UP THE MESS."

CAPITAL NEEDED.

London, May 16. In view of the critical condition of the cotton industry, great importance was attached to a speech by the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, at a luncheon under the auspices of the British Cotton-Growing Association in Manchester to-day.

The luncheon was attended by five hundred members of the Association and by representatives of banking institutions in Lancashire and other parts of the North of England.

Reconstruction Need.

Lord Derby, who presided, said the whole industry must be reconstructed and new capital brought in.

Mr. Baldwin, in the course of his speech, referred to the great possibilities in Africa, and elsewhere in the Empire, for cotton-growing and for the purchasing of British goods.

Referring to the depression in the steel trade, the Premier mentioned that for every shilling he had when he took office, he had something under a penny to-day.

"Get Together."

Capital in the steel trade, said Mr. Baldwin, must be reduced until it represented live assets before it could hope for better times.

Mr. Baldwin added that every section of the cotton industry must get together, and somehow cut out the dead wood and clean up the mess made in 1919 (Cheers).—*Reuter.*

Wage Reduction Plan.

A serious crisis has long been facing the cotton industry, mainly as a result of disagreements between employers and operatives. The last development reported was on the 4th instant, when a proposal to reduce the wages of cotton-workers by 12½ per cent. was contained in a resolution passed by the General Committee of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners Associations at Manchester.

To Close Mills?

A copy of the resolution was sent to the Members of the Federation with two ballot papers, one for the American Section of the industry and one for the Egyptian Section.

The Federation Members were asked to vote whether they were willing to leave the question of the reduction of wages to be dealt with by the Federation Committee and to close the mills if it was necessary to enforce the demand.

AMERICAN GAMBLING CRASH.

NEW BUT DISTRESSING RECORD SET.

New York, May 16. All trading records on the New York Stock Exchange were broken to-day by a sensational reaction which cut down or wiped out most of the early gains of from \$5 to \$30, and sent a number of issues crashing from \$5 to \$20 below last night's quotations.

The reaction was based upon the widespread fears that speculation was becoming excessive and that the Federal Reserve authorities are about to take further drastic measures to restrict credit supply.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Action Taken.

Philadelphia, May 16. The Federal Reserve Bank has announced an increase in the discount rate to 4½ per cent. and similar action is hourly expected in the New York Federal Reserve Bank.—*Reuter's American Service.*

IMPORTANT GOLF TOURNEYS.

SENSATIONAL FAILURES AT LEEDS.

MISS COLLETT LOSES.

London, May 16. Sensational failures of prominent players provided the main feature of the qualifying round of the 36-holes Thousand Guineas Professional Golf Tournament, at Leeds to-day.

The standard of play was extremely high, and all with scores exceeding 151 failed to qualify, among them being "Abe" Mitchell (152), Alex. Herd (152), Arthur Havers (152), Nabholz, U.S.A. (152) W. Melborn, U.S.A. (153) and Jurado Argentine (155).

Ladies Championship.

At Hunstanton, in the fourth round of the British Ladies' Open Championship, Miss Glenna Collett (America) the conqueror of the holder, Mademoiselle Simone de la Chaume, met with defeat.

Miss Wragg, the Yorkshire county champion, eliminated the American lady challenger, after a good fight by three up and two to play.—*Reuter.*

THE BOMBAY COTTON CRISIS.

MILL-OWNERS DISMISS ALL STRIKERS.

Bombay, May 16.

The deadlock in the Cotton Industry remains unchanged, neither side in the dispute having offered to give way on any point.

The employers have now issued dismissal notices to all strikers, with the stipulation that the strikers before re-engagement must abandon their "unreasonable attitude" and consent to a standardisation of wages in accordance with the recommendations of the Tariff Board.

The employers also insist upon a ten-hours working day and stricter discipline.

The strikers insist upon full reinstatement and on other conditions which the mill-owners are holding to be inadmissible.—*Reuter.*

IRAQ ELECTIONS SURPRISE.

OVERWHELMING TRIUMPH FOR MODERATES.

Bagdad, May 16.

In spite of vigorous Nationalist propaganda against the Anglo-Iraqi Treaty, Sir Abdul Muhsin Begsadin's Moderate Government secured an overwhelming majority at the secondary Elections, the polling for which took place all over the country to-day.

The Government supporters now total 70, as against ten Opposite, and eight Independents. The main issue before the country was the new Army Bill, dealing with the Defence Force and Conscription.

The supporters of the Bill contend that Conscription is necessary to render Iraq more independent of outside help than is at present possible.—*Reuter.*

EX-PRINCE CAROL LEAVES.

SAILS FOR OSTEND FROM DOVER.

London, May 16.

The ex-Prince Carol sailed to-day from Dover for Ostend. As announced yesterday, he is to take up residence in the Ardennes.—*Reuter.*

DR. STRESEMANN.

GERMAN MINISTER SOMEWHAT IMPROVED.

Berlin, May 16.

Dr. Stresemann is somewhat better to-day, though his medical advisers have not ceased to be anxious for him.—*Reuter.*

CAUTIOUS POLICY NEEDED.

MARINE INSURANCE OUTLOOK.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE MEETING.

THE LOCAL POSITION.

A satisfactory financial position, with over a million dollars available for appropriation, was reported by the Hon. Mr. D. B. F. Beith, presiding at the annual shareholders meeting of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company's board room at noon to-day.

It was stated by the Chairman that the Company's London offices were involved in a collapse last year, in which many important records were buried, and that accommodation has now been secured in the new Lloyds Building.

The disastrous reports of many leading marine insurance companies were mentioned by Mr. Beith, who expressed the view that the breaking point must be near and some sort of reaction shortly taken place.

The local position, said Mr. Beith, remained unaltered and until lasting peace in China is secured no betterment of the present state of commerce could be looked for.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days, I propose with your permission, to follow the customary procedure of taking them as read.

The account for the year 1926, which we now present to you, though showing an appreciable improvement on that for 1925, does not compare too favourably with others of its predecessors since 1916. The premium income is some \$310,000 more than that for 1925, the loss ratio is lower at 67.27 per cent. as against 69.98, per cent. the expense ratio is 19.93 per cent. as against 20.18 per cent. and the underwriting balance 13.10 per cent. as compared with 9.8 per cent.

I am unable to give you any better news with regard to the conditions prevailing on the London Market which, if it is possible, are rather worse than ever. It is obvious from the further disastrous reports of many of the leading Marine Insurance Companies, now being published, that the breaking point must be near and some sort of reaction shortly take place. That companies have been willing to carry on for so long, under existing circumstances, is a matter for wonder while the fact that they have been able to do so, is a very striking tribute to the financial stability of British Insurance Companies as a whole.

The Local Outlook.

The local position remains unaltered and it is quite impossible to foresee any prospect of better things ahead. The continued internecine warfare has greatly reduced the purchasing power of this vast country and until a lasting peace is restored, allowing Chinese in the interior to go about their lawful avocations without let or hindrance, no betterment of the present state of affairs as regards commerce is to be looked for. The fall of 12 per cent. in the Customs Revenue for 1927 provides a striking example of the effect of these disorders upon the trade of China as a whole.

I regret my inability to strike a more optimistic note with regard to Marine Insurance but I cannot see that we are yet in smoother waters; an encouraging feature of the situation, however, is the continued traditional resourcefulness of the Chinese in adapting themselves to circumstances and maintaining their trade, as far as humanly possible, under the most chaotic conditions. If proof of this is needed, ample evidence is furnished by the statistics of exports from the Yangtze River throughout the disturbances that have existed in that area for the last 18 months. Nevertheless there can be no question but that our present cautious policy must be maintained until the horizon is clearer.

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THE CASE FOR THE CHINESE.

HUANG FU'S ACCOUNT OF TSNANFU AFFAIR.

PLEA FOR CALMNESS.

The Kuo Min news agency issues a long account by General Huang Fu, the Nationalist Minister of Foreign Affairs, of his recent experiences.

The Nanking army entered Tsinanfu on April 30. Gen. Huang Fu arrived there on May 2.

"On the morning of May 8, I entered the city to call General Chiang. On my way, I observed that most of the shops had already resumed trade and the conditions were very good. When I reached General Chiang's Headquarters, I was informed that the sand-bags and barbed wire, which were placed in the commercial area by the Japanese troops, had been removed the previous night.

"The Japanese Consul and some officers came to call, all were very friendly.

"I was very much gratified to find that for the first two days after the entry of the Nationalist Army both Chinese and foreigners enjoyed safety and security.

The Shooting Breaks Out.

"But, while I was on my way to my place of sojourn at about eleven in the night, I heard, to my great surprise, shooting on all hands and saw people rushing about and shouting that the Japanese troops have begun shooting our soldiers everywhere.

"My car rushed through the firing line and reached its destination. The whole day, firing was heard at intervals and communications were cut. Telephone messages were continually received that a great many people in the streets were killed.

"The wooden fence of my temporary office which is in the Tsinan Railway office was surrounded by Japanese soldiers. I was communicating with different parties by telephone for, first stopping firing and, then investigating the real situation, when all of a sudden, a large number of Japanese soldiers surrounding the fence fired on my office twice, and rushed in. The inmates of the place crowded together, and the whole place was in turmoil and confusion. The windows of my office were honeycombed with bullets. I went up-stairs and, opening the window, persuaded them to stop firing.

Attempts to Stop Firing.

"Then coming down, I went into the courtyard and talked to the Japanese gendarme, Tomida, showing him my card, explaining to him my official position, adding that this was my temporary office and requesting him to consider carefully any step they took. But he asserted that bullets came out from my house and demanded that my guards hand over their arms.

"I refused and told him that I always ordered my guards not to go out or fire their rifles so that what he (Tomida) said must have been due to some mistake. Whereupon, Tomida demanded to enter into my house in order to telephone to the Japanese headquarters for instructions.

Tomida searched the house and then left and Gen. Huang says he then got into touch with the Japanese officers. Both sides sent out messengers to stop the firing.

Gen. Chiang's Order to Troops.

"At the same time I communicated by telephone with General Chiang and was informed that he had strictly forbidden his soldiers to open fire and ordered them immediately to keep away from the region occupied by Japanese troops.

Arrangements were made for Chinese officers' cars to fly special flags and Gen. Huang went back to the city and stayed the night with Chiang. He says that his office was then seized by the Japanese and the soldiers in it disarmed. Reports were also received

that the Japanese had destroyed the Chinese wireless station.

The Alleged Atrocity.

"On May 4, at 8 in the morning, Chang Han-ze, the servant of Tsai Kung-shih, who was Commissioner for Foreign Affairs for Shantung, came to my office and reported that on the previous night, at 11 o'clock, more than 20 Japanese soldiers suddenly broke into his office, bound him and his whole staff of more than ten persons, shot them all, and cut off the ears and nose of the Commissioner. The servant jumped over the wall and thus made a narrow escape; he was fired at by Japanese soldiers, and was wounded in his body.

"The Political Affairs Committee in the Front is making investigation of the names of those thus murdered by the Japanese troops.

Arrival of Marshal Feng.

On May 5 Feng Yu-shiang arrived in Tsinan and agreed with Chiang on plans for pressing on with the northern expedition, of which Chiang was to notify the Japanese General, Fukuda. Gen. Huang continues:

"Of the causes of the disturbances, different explanations have been given. The Japanese naturally spread propaganda entirely favourable to their side. But, according to reliable information received by us, the Japanese troops were the first to open fire. To ensure accuracy, the Nationalist authorities have ordered the Chief of the Garrison Headquarters, the Chief of the Public Security Bureau, the Chief of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs and the Magistrate of Tsinan, respectively, to make careful investigation and make every effort to collect evidence to serve as basis for negotiation in the near future.

Chinese Stop Fire When Ordered.

"On account of this outbreak, casualties on both sides were numerous. But our soldiers, after the strict orders issued by General Chiang (never returned fire, while Japanese troops from time to time fired on ours, so that the number of deaths on our side is many times more than that on the Japanese side. Besides, as the Japanese fired into the streets, a great number of pedestrians, who are powerless to resist the Japanese troops or to protect themselves, were killed.

"The Nationalist forces have already crossed the Yellow River; and only a bare sufficient number of troops is left in Tsinan to maintain order.

"In the neighbourhood of the Commercial Area there is no longer a state of tension.

"As for other foreign nationals, they are all safe."

Gen. Huang concludes by saying that he has come to Nanking to continue negotiations with Japan from there for a settlement.

T. V. SOONG'S VIEWS.

Case for Clear Thinking and Facing Facts.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance, in an interview concerning the Tsinan incident, stated:

"The present situation between China and Japan is critical in the extreme, all the more reason why there should be clear thinking and fearless facing of facts on both sides. The objective facts are that, in violation of what is commonly held as international law, Japan landed troops on Chinese soil (which is quite different from the landing of international troops in foreign concessions last year), that two rival Chinese armies clashed, resulting in the defeat of the side which is popularly, although possibly erroneously, held as the side supported by the Japanese, thus bringing the victorious Chinese Nationalist troops face to face with the Japanese army of occupation. The ground is thus set for a tragedy, an explosion is almost certain though the particular spark causing the explosion could not be foretold, nor is it indeed of any great historical importance. Nor yet is it helpful for us to speculate whether or not the Japanese deliberately created an incident;

TRAFFIC TOLL.

VERTIABLE GOLD MINE IN HEUNGSHAN.

The Koo Kwan Highway, in Chung Shan Yuen (new name for Heungshan), is proving a veritable gold mine. The road was constructed as the result of private enterprise, and a toll is charged in all traffic that travels over it. Ten cents is the fee for bicycles and rickshas, while the more lordly automobile contributes twenty cents towards reimbursing the builders. The men who conceived and built this road thought that this toll would slowly but surely recompense them for their pioneer courage.

Results so far show that the backers' highest expectations have been exceeded. The rich traffic is increasing rapidly, and since the toll on automobiles is the highest charged on all the various forms of traffic, the income from the road is mounting in no uncertain fashion.

A modest estimate places the daily receipts at over three hundred dollars, and it needs no mathematician to announce that at this rate the monthly income is over nine thousand, or a sum of one hundred and eighty thousand a year—a truly modest income that most people would be glad to possess.

This road was only recently opened to traffic. The road was designed to connect up the Macao settlement with the city of Shikdi in Chinese territory. So far the first section of the road only has been finished, but the other sections are being built, and from the above report, it may be surmised that the promoters of this road building company will be envied by their neighbours.

This road is in the Heungshan district, but the name "Heungshan" has been changed to "Chung Shan Yuen" in honour of the memory of the revered leader.

that the incident happens to be helpful to the Japanese Cabinet, we must admit, is in itself no proof that the Japanese first opened fire.

Equal Cause for Regret.

"Now the clash has come, and we hourly read of the charges and counter-charges of atrocities in the best approved manner of the Great European War. We Chinese must feel profound sorrow; if we mourn the murder and mutilation of our Commissioner of Foreign Affairs with his entire staff and hundred of other civilians and soldiers, we equally mourn and blush with shame also at the atrocities reported to be committed by our troops on defenceless Japanese citizens. Probably in the heat and passion of the moment, neither side is guiltless.

"But what of the future? The best minds of China and Japan should be devoted to localizing the conflict, to bringing about peace not to contrive at winning a war. The European War with its lessons is too close to us; if the debate has not ended on who started the Great War, it is equally uncertain who won the Great War.

An Impartial Joint Tribunal.

"We at least do not want war; it is patent to every one from the beginning that we have nothing to gain by a war with Japan. And we just as firmly believe that in the history of peoples and civilizations it is not always the race with the best shock troops that wins in the end.

"Let Nanking and Tokyo therefore come together and order cessation of further fighting, and allow an impartial tribunal, to investigate facts and apportion responsibility where it should rest. Let the guilty be punished, without fear or favour, be he Chinese or Japanese. Let there be an end to jingoism and mutual propaganda which is self intoxicating. Only thus, I think, can the leaders of both nations justify themselves before their peoples and before world opinion in this crisis."

HOME INDUSTRIES.

CANTON'S APPEAL TO THE BUYING PUBLIC.

Under instructions from the Secretariat Office of the Nationalist Government, the Provincial Government has issued a public proclamation urging the public to buy home made products, thus fostering home industries, and tending in time to improve the economic condition of the country, says the Canton Gazette.

The proclamation first explains that since China had been opened to foreign trade, importation of goods from foreign countries have been very heavy, and the value is increasing year by year. Imports have to be paid for, and against the imports, there must be a corresponding outgoing of the country's wealth in payment. This drain on the country's wealth has been heavy and continuous since the opening of the country to foreign trade. Exports are small by comparison, and the incoming values are consequently small, leaving China in a heavy stream. No matter how rich China may be, resources cannot last for ever, and it is therefore to conserve China's resources. The only way that can be done is to buy home made goods, and by fostering the use of home made goods, in time foreign imports will be lessened.

It is urged that: In all class books compiled by the Ministry of Education and Primary Schools, every effort should be made to mention native made products in the lessons of the books.

The Ministry of Labour and Commerce should devise means to promote native handicrafts, and discourage merchants from importing foreign articles that are counterfeit of the native products. The Ministry of Finance should formulate a policy for the protection of native industries. A heavy import tariff would form a fine protective wall. The import duties of the United States of America afford a fine example of how protection could be afforded to home industries.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry should instruct the various governmental offices and the schools that native made goods are to be used as far as possible, except in the case of articles that are not or cannot be produced in the country. The Provincial and Special City Governments in various provinces should issue similar notification in their respective districts, to promote native industries. It is pointed out that if the use of home made goods is energetically promoted, native industries will naturally be fostered, and in turn the condition of the people will be improved, with resultant gain to the country as a whole.

JAPANESE THANKS.

TRAINING SQUADRON LEAVES FOR MANILA.

After a pleasant three days stay in Hongkong, the Japanese training squadron left yesterday for Manila.

The following wireless messages were exchanged: From Vice Admiral Kobayashi, H.I.J.M. Training Squadron to H. E. the O. A. G. Hongkong: "Please accept our hearty thanks for your hospitality shown us all, and convey same to all concerned."

From H. E. the O. A. G. to Vice Admiral Kobayashi: "Many thanks for your message. It was a great pleasure to entertain you in Hongkong."

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This picturesque scene was witnessed in Hongkew Park when the Japanese community celebrated the birthday of the Emperor of Japan with colourful festivities.



Another picture of the "Bremen" fliers, with their plane. Baron Von Huenefeld is on the left and Captain Koehl on the right.



Mr. Bert Hinkler photographed on arrival at his home, Bundaberg, Queensland, in his Avro-Avian biplane.



Captain and Mrs. Olansen, whose wedding took place recently at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Shanghai.



Mr. James A. Choeseeman and his bride Miss Jean M. Turner, after their wedding in Shanghai recently. The groom is Q. M. S. in the S. V. C.



The tug-of-war team from the Welch Regiment who won the Shanghai championship by defeating the Shanghai Police in the recent sports.



Mr. Hambleton (Sopio), Mrs. Burdin (Amytis), Mr. Hykes (Fabius Maximus) and Mrs. Sowerby (Fabia), in "The Road to Rome" produced in Shanghai recently.



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NOTICE.

We have this day authorized Mr. G. U. da Rocha and Mr. L. A. da Rocha to sign our firm jointly per procuracy.

J. M. DA ROCHA & CO.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1928.

NOTICE.

Cerveira de Albuquerque, Consul Geral de Portugal, pede a todos os Portugueses residentes nesta Colonia o favor de comparecerem no dia 17 de Maio, Quinta-feira, pelas 6 horas da tarde, na Sala Luiz de Camoes do Club Lusitano.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS 1928/1929.

Lists are now open for Members to subscribe for Subscription Griffiths for season 1928/1929 and have been posted at the Race Course, Stables (Causeway Bay) Hongkong Club, and Secretary's Office.

By Order,

H. R. FORSYTH,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1928.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, the General Agents of the Company on Friday the 18th day of May, 1928, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of considering and if deemed expedient passing an Extraordinary Resolution the Resolution following, that is to say:—

"That it has been proved to the satisfaction of this meeting that the Company cannot by reason of its liabilities continue its business and that it is advisable to wind up the same and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily."

"And that Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., of Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong and John Fleming of Chartered Bank Building, Victoria, aforesaid, be appointed jointly and severally Liquidators for the purposes of such winding up."

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Agents.
Hongkong, 8th May 1928.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 25th May, 1928, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1927, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 9th May to 25th May. Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1928.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 25th May, 1928, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1927, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 9th May to 25th May. Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1928.

Lammert's Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY,
the 17th May, 1928, commencing at 2.45 p.m.
At No. 6, Knutsford Terrace, Kimberley Road, Kowloon.
A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture,

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Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Wednesday, the 16th May, 1928.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on **SATURDAY,**
the 19th May, 1928, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.
40,000 Knitting Needles,
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1 Case Soap,
5 Cases Disc Soaps,
5 Bales 1/40's—Silk Noll Yarn,
1 Case Artificial Silk Knitted Fabrics,
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2 Cases Alarm Clocks.

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By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1928.

G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 21st day of May, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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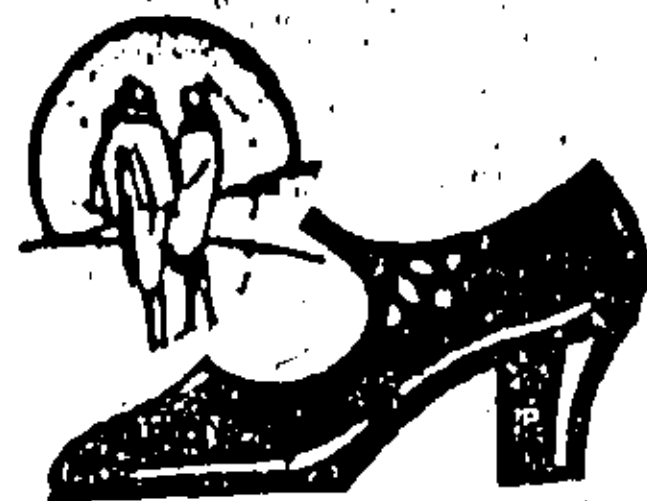
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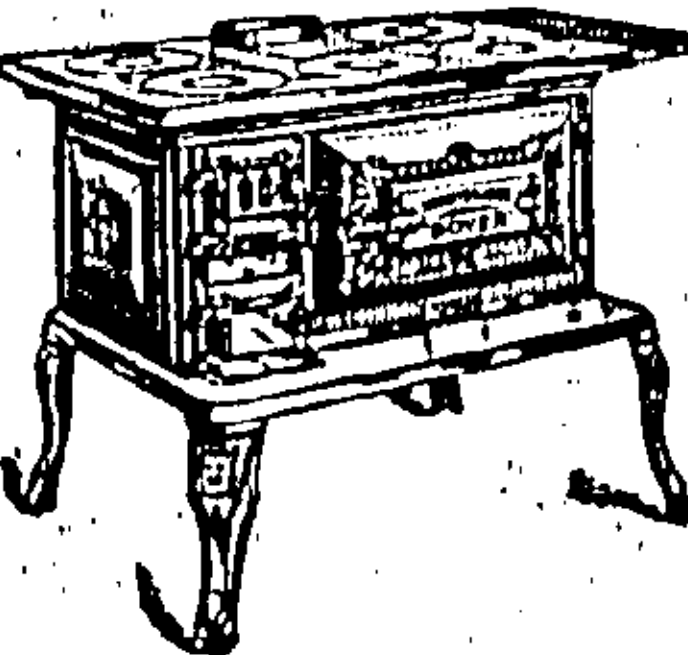
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"LES MISERABLES."

A GREAT FRENCH FILM
COMING.

The wonderful French production of Victor Hugo's immortal epic of dramatic fiction, "Les Misérables," will be screened at the Queen's Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday of next week, according to a special advertisement in this issue. "Les Misérables," which is undoubtedly the greatest achievement of France's film industry, was made at a cost of over twelve million francs. The picture proved such a stupendous piece of work that when finally cut and edited it was found that no fewer than 12,000 feet of film were essential to the creation of the true atmosphere of the story. Originally, "Les Misérables" was screened in two separate episodes, but owing to the efforts of experts, it has been made possible to screen the whole picture at one performance. Owing to its exceptional length, "Les Misérables" will be shown only three times a day, performances beginning promptly at 2.30, 6.00 and 9.15. Described by the London papers as "one of the finest films ever made," "Les Misérables" will be one of the notable events of the local film year.

STRANGE DRAMA.

"THE HEART OF SALOME"
AT STAR.

"The Heart of Salome," which comes to the Star Theatre from to-day till Saturday, is a drama of modern Paris in which a count who is shady master of finance employs a beautiful girl as his spy to discover the secrets of his rivals. The story tells how this girl falls in love with a young engineer; how she attempts to steal his plans, not knowing whose house she is robbing; how she is caught red-handed; how she is denounced by her lover; and how in her bitter despair she commands the count to give her the life of the man who has scorned her. The climax comes with a terrific sword duel between the count and the captive engineer in the dungeon of a ruined castle. Alma Rubens plays the leading part and in the supporting cast are: Holmes Herbert, Robert Agnew, Walter Dugan and Barry Norton who appeared as the young artist in "What Price Glory."

SECRET SERVICE.

DRAMA OF HIGH POLITIC
AT WORLD.

With Blanche Sweet as the heroine and no fewer than four leading men, the screen version of the play by Victorien Sardou, "Diplomacy," will be the new picture at the World Theatre to-day till Saturday at the 5.15 and 9.20 shows. The leading men are Neil Hamilton, Matt Moore, Arthur Edmund Carew and Earle Williams. The story opens at Deauville, Europe's fashionable pleasure resort, where an international conference of diplomats is taking place.

The plot and intrigues of the secret agents of different countries, each one striving to secure an important document, make the picture extremely interesting. Throughout the picture there runs the romance of a young couple, an attaché of the British Embassy and an English girl who are unwilling pawns in the hazardous game of international politics.

The first list of donations received in response to the national appeal for the preservation of Durham Castle just issued, totals £10,739, with promises of nearly £1,000 more. The King and Queen have sent donations.

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.



Pineapple is such a good word in Chicago now (that's what the gangsters call a bomb) that the hairdressers have adopted the word, too. The latest fad in coiffures is the pineapple bob, shown on the model above. The girl is Miss Vennette Montgomery of Chicago.

Useful Hints.

USES FOR CRETONNE
REMNANTS.

There are usually some pieces of cretonne left over after the new spring covers are made. But what can one do with them so that they are put to attractive use? Cretonne boxes for all purposes are popular, and especially pretty in bedrooms. A grocer's wooden box or a small packing case is easily fitted with a hinged lid, and then it can be covered entirely, inside and out, with cretonne, secured by tacks or small carpet nails. Furniture braid makes a neat finish. Such a box is useful for soiled linen, or evening shoes, hats, furs, and as a roomy work-box.

Handkerchief Boxes.

Smaller boxes do for gloves, handkerchiefs, collars, and all the odds and ends of the dressing table. These might be edged with galon.

A light box of suitable shape covered with cretonne makes a receptacle for waste paper, which matches the scheme of the room. Cretonne bags to fit over dress-hangers and protect evening and other light frocks from dust in the wardrobe are useful innovations. Books with shabby covers and paper-covered ones take a new lease of life if they have cretonne covers made for them. These are put on just like brown-paper covers, and secured from slipping off with a neat stitch or so on the inside. This is a good way of lengthening the existence of favourite nursery books.

Blotters of cretonne look smart on bedroom writing tables. It is a simple matter to manufacture

them. Cardboard, or a couple of old book covers, slightly padded with cottonwool, form the foundation.

Armchair Covers.

It is the backs of armchairs which first show soiled marks. If there are any straight lengths left of the cretonne used for the covers, tack strips as neatly and invisibly as possible over the backs. These are easily removed and washed at intervals, and help to keep the covers themselves fresh for a longer period.

Linen cushion covers for the lounge and for the lawn and beach are made very effective if flowers, foliage and fruit, exotic birds, quaint animals and figures, the decorative motifs of a good cretonne design, are cut carefully from their backgrounds and blanket-stitched to the linen foundation.

When hangings and furniture-covers in a bedroom are of cretonne, it is a good idea to have a linen bedspread with artistically-chosen motifs from the same cretonne applied across the corners and in the centre. The same idea could be carried out as a border on net curtains.

For Children's Rompers. Single flowers, butterflies or little figures cut from cretonne make unusual adornments for kiddies' rompers and overalls. These are pretty and serviceable made altogether of cretonne.

A set of luncheon plate mats, with runner to match, of linen, with some cretonne motif on each, is also a novelty. Tray cloths and small table-cloths might be treated in the same way.

The fact that this material is washable, and fadeless, too, if it is of good quality, makes it a distinct asset for decorative purposes other than as covers and curtains.

Shoulder Ornaments.

OF FEATHERS AND JEWELS.

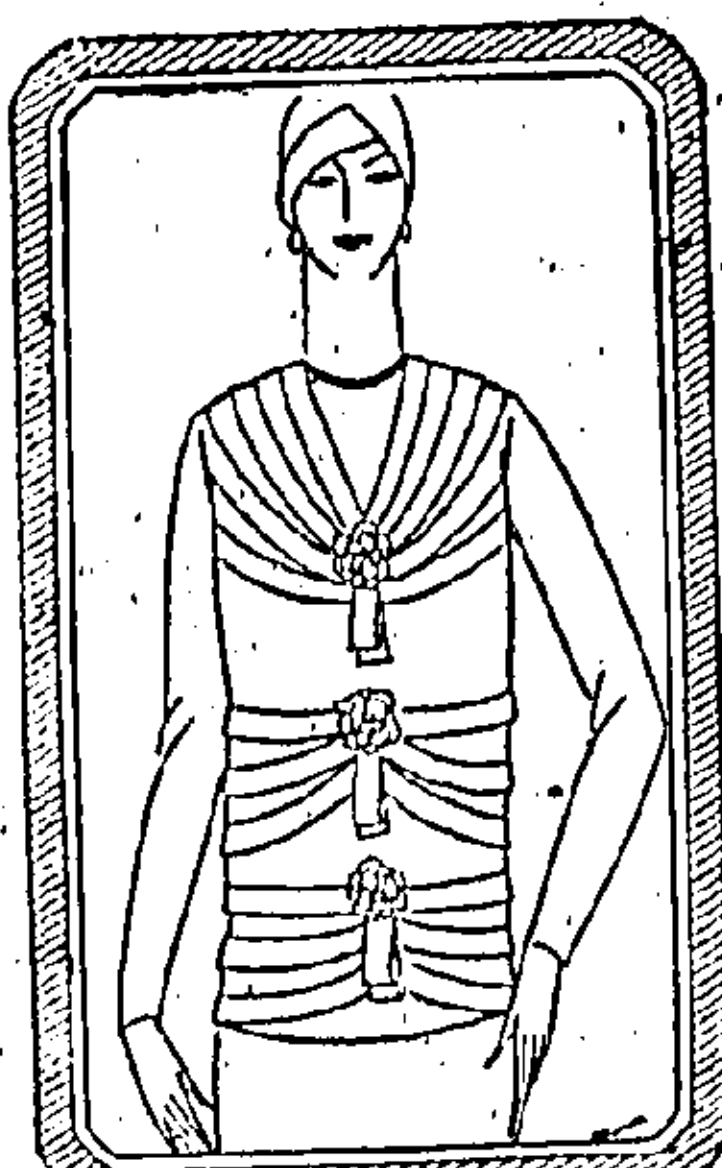
The flower on the shoulder, which was rife last season and which even now is frequently seen, has instigated a number of other shoulder ornaments, some of which pertain more to dress-making and some to jewellery. Feathers have now come into fashion for evening dresses, and they are worn upon the shoulder in various forms. There is the long ostrich trail, which takes the place of a shoulder-knot or small scarf. There is also the osprey or its equivalent, set with jewels and looking exceedingly light and pretty on the left shoulder.

Feathers are made up very lightly to resemble pastel-coloured flowers, while a number of silk flowers are jewelled all over with strass, so that they almost become jewellery proper. Just as last season the floral pattern on the dress was often picked up with a corresponding flower in relief on the shoulder, so this season the jewelled or beaded dress has ornament. In jersey dresses for sports occasions ornament also finds a place on the shoulder. A green suit had a white ship embroidered on one shoulder, and it was finished with a white belt. In some cases initials appear on the shoulder; in other cases flowers are incrustated in white kid or some such striking material. Others have whistles also which hang from the shoulder upon a ribbon.

A Beauty Note.

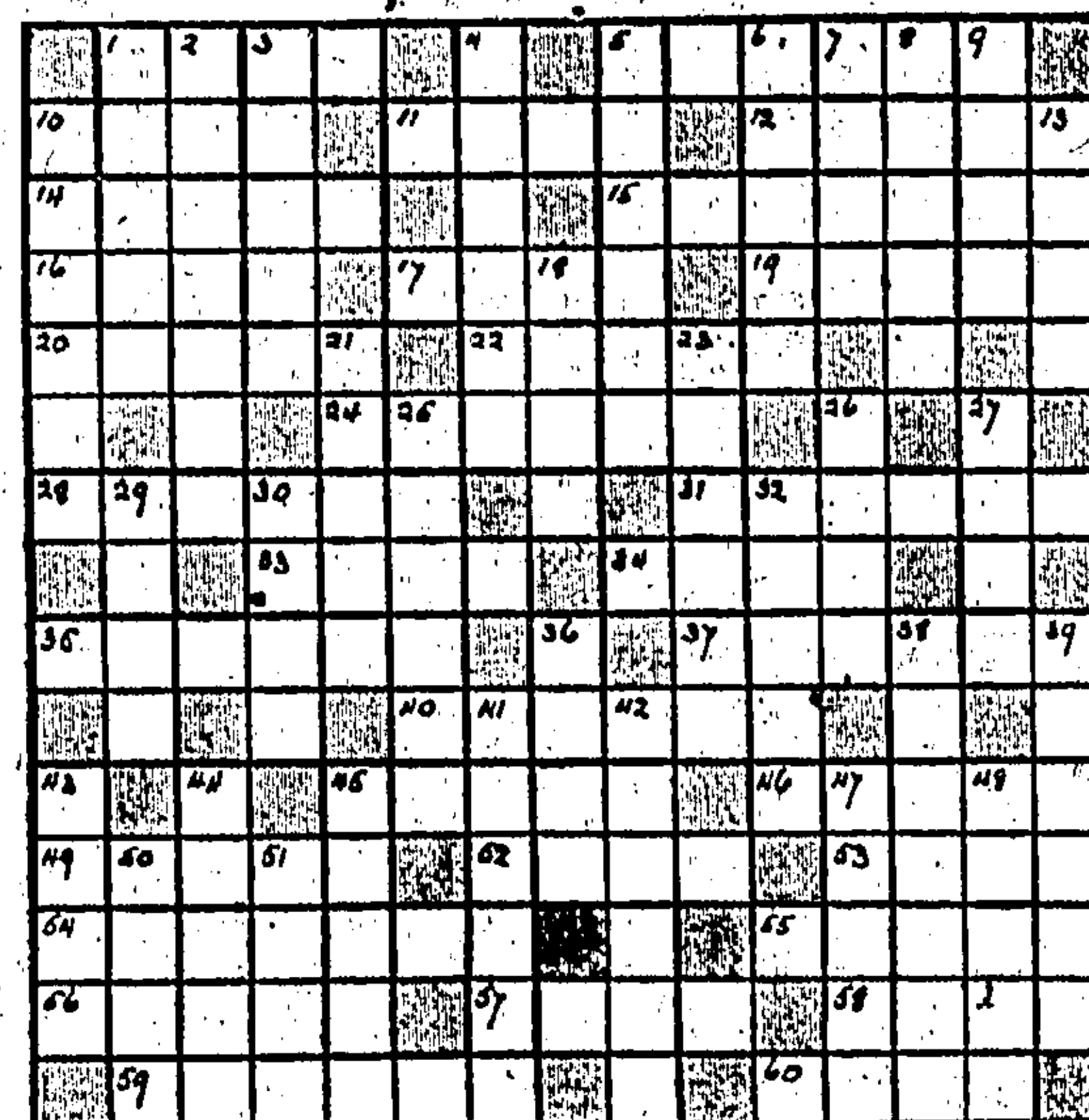
IS YOUR NECK TOO THIN?

Too thin a neck is very unattractive. It may not show so much in the daytime when a collar can hide it, or soft frill soften it, but at night—how it catches the eye! To improve the neck, exercises are usually recommended, but while these are excellent in their way, and certainly should be done, they are not enough. A thin neck is a starved neck, and to fatten it you must feed it. Ordinary vaseline is good for this. Every night take a good-sized lump of vaseline on both hands and rub it well into the neck for at least five minutes. Then wipe off what is left with a soft rag and go to bed. Don't wash it off; just wipe it. By the end of even a week you will begin to see a marked improvement.



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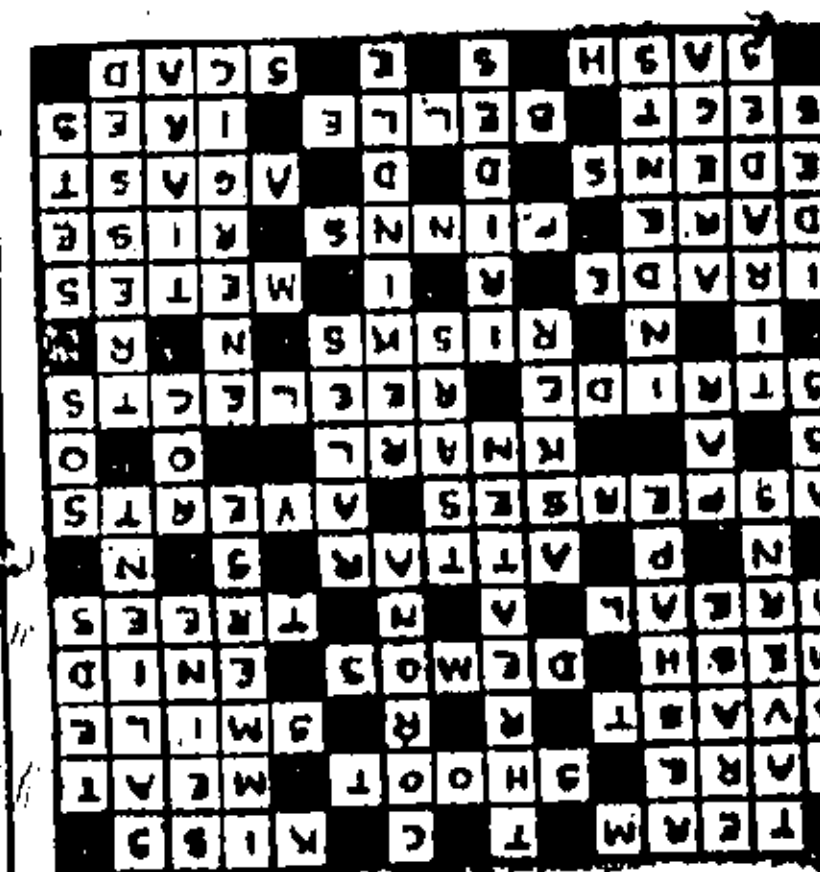
- 1 In the middle.
- 5 Kind of kettle-drum.
- 10 Dance.
- 11 Dandy.
- 12 Roof projections.
- 14 Sago-Palm.
- 15 Triangle having unequal sides.
- 16 Ascend.
- 17 Lowest male voice.
- 19 Reasoning.
- 20 French measure.
- 22 Open net silk fabric.
- 24 Convulsive movements.
- 25 Small truck.
- 27 Newly married woman.
- 33 Cardinal point.
- 34 Jetty.
- 35 Small fishes.
- 37 Again.
- 40 Answer of a god.
- 45 Spigot.
- 46 Set again.
- 49 Theatre of contest.
- 52 Gaze.
- 53 Narrow piece of wood.
- 54 Burial.
- 55 Look hard.
- 56 Alert.
- 57 Enlarged by addition.
- 58 Always.
- 59 Due return.
- 60 Brought up.

Down.

- 1 Hawk's nest.
- 2 Musical composer.
- 3 Interior.
- 4 Played in a smooth manner (mus).
- 5 Struggle.
- 6 Quantity of five hundred.
- 7 Bundle.
- 8 Species of roseaceous plants.
- 9 Glass of a telescope.
- 10 Rodent quadruped.

- 13 First principle.
- 18 Uttered with breath and not with voice.
- 21 Burst of applause.
- 23 Pertaining to the lips.
- 25 Bushy-herb of mint family.
- 26 Whirring noise.
- 27 Not so much.
- 29 Tarn.
- 30 Aperture in a vessel.
- 32 Trace back.
- 33 Circle of light.
- 38 Reduce to slavery.
- 39 More heated.
- 41 Rivulet.
- 42 Shut.
- 43 Convey through air.
- 44 East Indian herbaceous plant.
- 45 Hindu woman's chief garment.
- 47 Compound of higher fatty acids.
- 48 Having ears.
- 50 Regretted.
- 51 Cape.

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CHINATOWN.POLICEMEN STABBED BY
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Calcutta, May 9.
Calcutta's Chinatown was the scene of a serious affray last night. A constable who arrested a Chinese suspected of carrying cocaine was stabbed in the stomach. A second constable who

ran to his fellow's assistance was also stabbed and soon Chinatown was in a tumult. The police were assaulted with lathis and knives. Both constables were seriously injured, one gravely so. Twelve arrests were made and peace was restored late at night.

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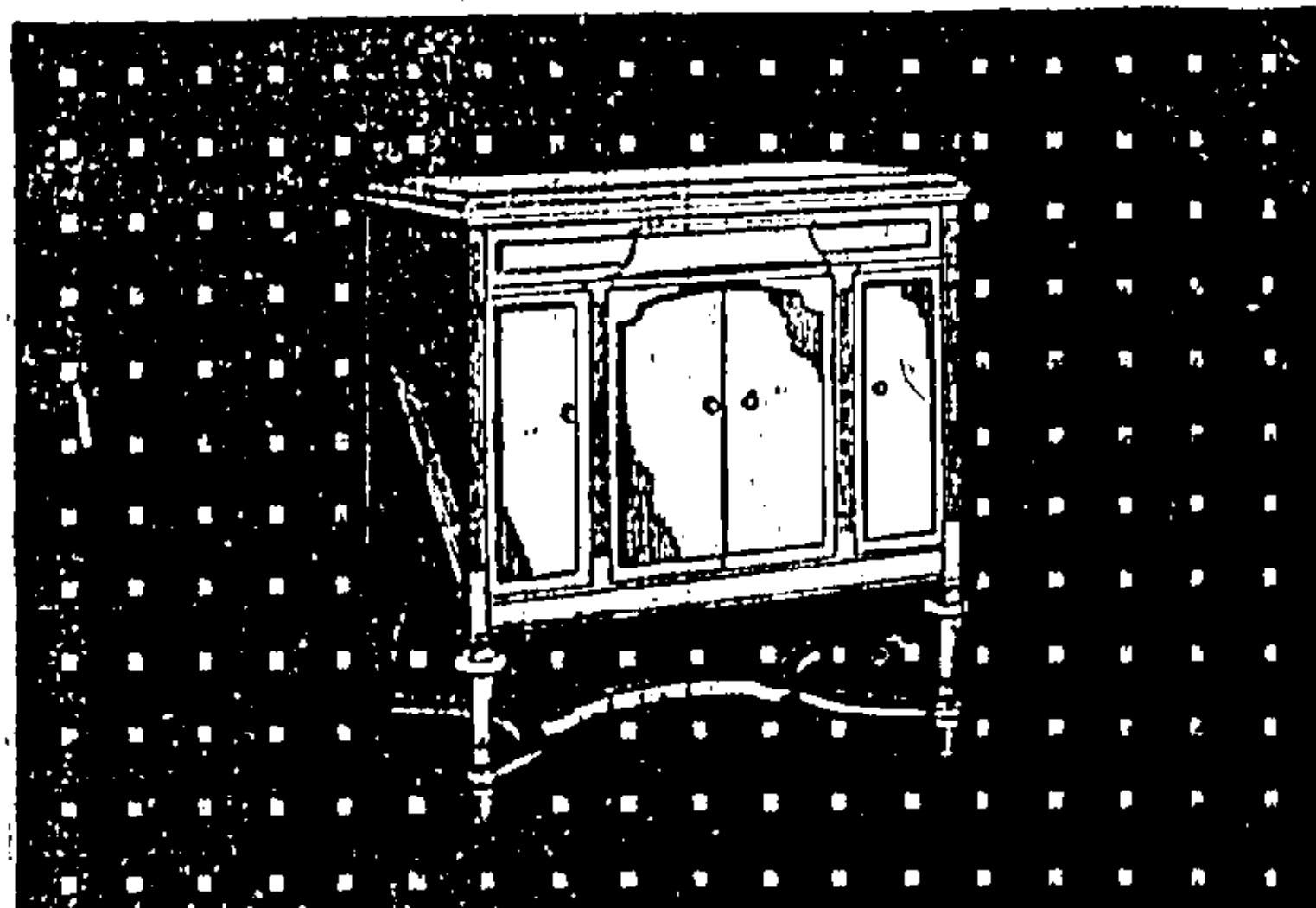
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PUBLIC HEALTH.

There was a regular spate of oratory at Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, when Dr. Koch, that doughty champion of public health, brought forward his motion concerning the prevention of infectious diseases. In the course of his speech, the mover of the resolution was not sparing in his criticism of the Government, and, despite all that the President had to say, we do think that many of the strictures which he passed were well based. Mr. Carrie, who, incidentally, is proving himself an excellent H. S. D., made some capital out of the fact that the Sanitary Board itself has very considerable powers. We presume he means, from the persistent manner in which he stressed this point, that if things are not altogether what they might be, then the Board, of which Dr. Koch is a member, is not free from blame. A neat point, from the debating-society standpoint, but Mr. Carrie knows full well that the burden of disease-prevention cannot be wholly thrown on to the shoulders of the Board. Admittedly, the Board has its part to play, but the H. S. D. does not need to be reminded that its advice is often totally ignored. Moreover, whilst it has powers, these are limited, and they need endorsement higher up.

The aspect of Dr. Koch's speech which most appealed to us was that in which he stressed the necessity of co-ordinated warfare against what might be termed the ordinary infectious diseases, the incidence of which regularly recurs and results in fairly considerable loss of life, to say nothing of impaired vitality. It is true, as Dr. Koch suggested, that the authorities do not appear to adopt very rigorous methods until an epidemic assumes serious dimensions. Then, for a time, we hear of great activity. Occasionally, as at the time of the outbreak of cerebro-spinal meningitis some years ago, an expert is called

in. Lieut. Olitzky, as we all know, presented a most elaborate report on that outbreak, and, incidentally, his visit cost the Colony a nice little sum of money. Not only did he deal with the disease itself, but he reported at great length on the overcrowding evil, which is without question a factor in the perpetuation of many other diseases here. Yet it is perfectly true, as Mr. Koch said, that that valuable report has been pigeon-holed. It may, of course, be given an airing if and when we get another outbreak, but it will be too late then. So far as typhoid is concerned, we all recall the wild guesses that were made as to its origin on the occasion of the last big epidemic, but we feel that the cause for the fairly frequent recurrence of this disease here has still to be discovered. We are at one also with Dr. Koch when he refers to the insanitary manner in which food is exposed for sale in our markets and in which meat is carried through our dusty streets wholly uncovered. There is need for rigorous action under this heading. Our markets, too, are far from what they should be. Some of them resemble the Black Hole of Calcutta, so dark and dingy and so bereft of fresh air as to be the majority of them.

On the general question, we are convinced that these matters of public health will not receive the attention which they should until there is a very real fusion of the Sanitary and Medical Services. So far, the only step taken in that direction is the change in the title of the P.C.M.O. When that fusion is an accomplished fact, there should follow a serious, well-planned health campaign, which must never be relaxed. Let local medical men co-operate with the Government, by all means, in which connexion we think that the local branch of the B.M.A. and the Chinese medical organisation could periodically offer valuable expert advice to the Government. In Shanghai, a great deal of health propaganda is done by the Municipality. That is another respect in which this Colony is behind the times. All along the line, there is much that can be done. But the first requisite is a willingness to shake ourselves out of the laissez-faire attitude bequeathed us from the past.

Japan and Chiang Kai-shek.

When it is realised that the four demands presented to the Nationalist authorities by General Fukuda are mere preliminaries to the negotiation of a settlement of the Tientsin affair, no further assurance is needed that Japan is not in a mood to be trifled with. Whether or not she is in full agreement with the strong and determined attitude taken up, admiration for the ingenuity with which so much that is vital has been concentrated in a few short sentences is impossible to withhold. In one fell swoop, Japan proposes to complete the devastation of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, secure punishment for those primarily responsible, and forestall events at Tientsin by prohibiting hostilities, or even propaganda, within twenty miles of the place. We may be certain that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has no friends at the Japanese War Office. It must be thoroughly well known and understood that a formal apology by the Nanking leader would at once inevitably wreck his career and his ambitions. In the knowledge that he dare not hope to engage actively the Japanese with any success, no matter how strongly incensed he might be, Marshal Chiang has already suffered a considerable loss of prestige in Nationalist circles by what is regarded as lack of courage. A personal and formal apology, amounting practically to an admission of guilt would obviously be equivalent to political suicide. It looks as if Chiang must refuse to comply with the demand. He has little option in the matter even though he may be well aware that a refusal may drive matters to an extremity. What will happen if Marshal Chiang does defy Japan remains to be seen, but we feel certain that this contingency has received the same serious consideration that was undoubtedly devoted to the formulation of the present demands. In the light of the first, that for a personal apology, we are at loss to appreciate the reason for the insertion of the fourth demand, which insists that the Chinese negotiator of the dispute shall produce credentials from Chiang Kai-shek.

DAY BY DAY.

AT TWENTY YEARS OF AGE THE WILL REIGNS; AT THIRTY THE WIT; AND AT FORTY THE JUDGMENT.—Henry Grattan.

The Ben Line s.s. Benvorlich, from Home, Straits and Philippines ports, is due here on the 23rd instant.

The Chinese Athletic Association is giving a dinner in honour of its football teams at the Yee Wo Restaurant on Saturday night.

During the absence on leave of Mr. J. E. Henry, Mr. H. G. Monde will be Manager of the Hongkong Branch of Messrs. Reuters, Ltd.

Yesterday's health return shows two cases of diphtheria (one British and the other Chinese), as well as one Chinese case of paratyphoid fever.

A destitute Chinese was found by the police yesterday in Canton Road in a state of collapse, due to hunger. The police had the man removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

Mr. P. Castilho, secretary of the "We" billiard team, writes to say that it was his team, and not the Catholic Union Club, which lost in the recent match against the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

A report was made to the police yesterday by the manager of the Tai Sun Barber's shop, of Hollywood Road, that a foki absconded on May 2 taking with him two electric fans, valued at \$30.

The s.s. Sanning arrived from Wuchow last evening and was immediately slipped for a change of propellers. She was refitted this morning and will sail for West River ports at 5.30 this evening.

For unlawful possession of five sticks of dynamite on board a boat in Shaukiwan, a boatwoman, who appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, was fined \$100, or, in default, six weeks' hard labour.

According to a police report, a Chinese widow living at Ngau She Wan attempted to commit suicide yesterday afternoon by jumping into the sea from the Kai Tak Bund. She was rescued and sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

More contributions for the establishment of the Chinese Faculty in the Hongkong University were received yesterday, when each of the following consented to donate a sum of \$500: Mr. Cheung Kung-yun, Messrs. Kwong Shing Cheung, Messrs. Ying Kee and Messrs. Luen Hop.

This morning's Harbour Office Reports showed a free movement of vessels. There were 65 vessels remaining in harbour, of which 23 were British. Of the 20 arrivals, four were in ballast, while other vessels registered poor cargoes. British figures were comparatively good, recording the best figures under all headings.

A Chinese hawk appeared before Major C. Willson this morning, charged with uttering cries in Wellington Street contrary to the regulations. The defendant caused a smile in Court when he pleaded that he had uttered "just one cry" when he was arrested. His Worship was equal to the occasion and imposed a fine of only \$1.

Two Chinese cyclists were prosecuted before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning, for breaches of the traffic regulations. One youth who was charged with riding on the wrong side of Salisbury Road was stated to have followed the bus route. He was fined \$4. Another, who rode a bicycle in Jordan Road without a light last night, was fined \$3.

Japan cannot have it both ways. If she gets her apology, credentials from Chiang would have little further significance in Nationalist ranks. Be that as it may, the Japanese attitude does not suggest the possibility of an early satisfactory settlement of the regrettable occurrences at Tientsin. On the contrary, we fear national feeling in China will grow in strength as the result of Japan's apparently uncompromising insistence on unconditional submission. As we write, a report comes to hand from Canton stating that Chiang Kai-shek has accepted the Japanese demands, but until authentic information on this point reaches us from the Nationalist headquarters, we shall be inclined to regard this story as extremely doubtful.

DEATH OF FAMOUS
CRITIC.SIR EDMUND GOSSE DIES
IN LONDON.

London, May 16.
The death has occurred of Sir Edmund Gosse, the famous poet, critic and biographer at the age of 79.—*Reuter*.

The son of the eminent zoologist the late Mr. P. H. Gosse, F.R.S., Sir Edmund was born in London in Sept. 1849. He was educated privately in Devonshire and in 1867 became an assistant in the printed books department at the British Museum, where he remained until 1875, when he was appointed Translator to the Board of Trade.

In 1904 he became Librarian of the House of Lords a post he held till 1914. From 1885 to 1890 he was Clark Lecturer in English Literature at Cambridge University.

Himself a writer of literary verse of much grace and master of a fine prose style showing a wide and appreciative culture, he was conspicuous for his valuable work in bringing foreign literatures home to English readers. "Northern Studies" (1879) a collection of essays on the literature of Scandinavia and Holland was the outcome of prolonged visits to these regions and was followed by other work in the same direction.

He translated Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler" (1891) and with Wm. Archer "The Master Builder." He also wrote a life of Ibsen and edited a translation of the works of Bjornson.

In 1901 his services to Scandinavian literature were recognised by Norway which made him a Knight of the Order of St. Olaf. In 1917 he was appointed chairman of the Board of Scandinavian Studies and criticisms, a history of English literature, and a number of essays. He also published anonymously in 1907 "Father and Son" an intimate study of his own early life which aroused great interest and was "crowned" by the French Academy.

A sympathetic student of the younger school of French and Belgian writers, he was entertained in Paris by literary men in 1905 as a representative of English letters.

On his 70th birthday in 1919 he received an address of congratulation signed by a large body of Englishmen of note in art and letters in recognition of his long and distinguished service to literary criticism. This was followed by the presentation on their behalf of a bust in Nov. 1920.

In 1925 Sir Edmund Gosse, who had been made a Commander of the Legion of Honour by M. Briand, received an honorary degree from the Sorbonne, and was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the Association France-Grande Bretagne. He had been knighted at the beginning of that year, and had received many academic distinctions at home and abroad.

LARCENY FROM SHOP.

ARRESTED MAN GETS
THREE MONTHS.

A Chinese who was arrested last night on the s.s. Tainan, just prior to the vessel's departure, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with the larceny of \$693.

The police told his Worship that a sum of \$693 had been recovered and that there remained \$54 unaccounted for.

In reply to his Worship, the defendant stated that he bought a handkerchief for 20 cents, an umbrella (because it was raining) for \$2 and had also spent \$1.20 on food. Over and above this, the only other money which he spent was for a passage ticket to Canton.

The master of the ship from which the money was stolen told his Worship that he reckoned from his account books that \$693 must have been stolen.

His Worship passed sentence of three months' hard labour.

ALLEGED NAVAL YARD
THEFTS.CHINESE MAN AND WOMAN
CHARGED.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, a Chinese man and a woman were charged with the theft of 30 yards of canvas and 1825 brass eyelets from the Naval Yard. The value of the canvas and eyelets is placed at \$28.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the male defendant and asked his Worship for a remand, which was granted.

In applying for bail, Mr. Russ asked his Worship to fix a small sum, but the police mentioned that they would have to object to that; they would have to object to that; they would have to object to that.

Mr. Russ offered \$100 and eventually \$250, but his Worship fixed the amount at \$500 on the police informing him that the husband of the female defendant had already absconded.

The Very Idea!

The announcement of the death of that distinguished Irish sportsman, Lord Concurry, recalls one of the best bons mots of the late Lord Bowen.

When about to be made a Lord of Appeal, he, with his charming air of mock modesty, deprecated his ability to perform the function of so exalted a position.

"My dear, dear fellow," said a colleague, "as junior Judge, all you will have to do is to say at the end of your colleague's judgments, 'I concur.'"

"Oh, in that case," was the reply, "I'll take the title of 'Lord Concurry.'"

Porter (to sailor who has thrown a banana skin on the platform)—"Hi, the company won't have that."

Sailor—"Won't have what?"

Porter (pointing to banana skin)—"Won't have that."

Sailor—"Won't they? Well, never mind, old top, share it between you and the ticket collector."

Man at Southend: My wife and the woman lodger go to Christian meetings, come home, and go to bed without even saying good night to me.

Judge Crier at Shoreditch: A promise to pay is merely a device to push off the creditor, hoping that he will die before anything happens.

Hackney man: Bad language, so called, is largely a matter of environment.

Willenden magistrate: How did this happen? Woman: Her child told a lie about me, and I got the smack in the face.

Magistrate at Willenden: Did she give you those black eyes? Woman: They are not black eyes, sir; they are my natural ones.

Man at Marylebone: My wife struck me with a glass and rendered me unconscious, but I had a bit of strength in me, and gave her a black eye in self-defence.

A man stated at Shoreditch County Court that he earned £4 a week in tips for minding carts outside Billingsgate Market.

British prisons, fully equipped, complete with gallows and condemned cells, graveyard, warden's house, and grounds, are for sale in groups. Since the war the prison population has shown a great decrease.

Although the Home Office has advertised the gaols in such alluring fashion as "the large and substantially built prisons; with the adjoining detached villa; formerly the governor's house," offers have been few. Twenty prisons are now for sale, but most of them are going begging.

One can get a good prison for anything from £5 to £20,000. The prison at Stormway, in the Hebrides, was sold, everything included, for £5. The Newcastle Prison, however, brought £27,000 and the Carlisle Prison, £16,000. The County Down Gaol at Downpatrick went for £20. Brecon Prison, in the mountains of Wales, with beautiful scenery and all the aspects of a Summer resort, received a bid of £800 and there was no sale.

A doctor was putting on his hat and coat to go to see a patient when the telephone bell rang and a man's voice came over the wire asking the doctor to call at his house.

"I must really apologise for bringing you out on a night like this," he said.

"Oh, don't worry," said the doctor. "As a matter of fact I have just had a call from another patient in your neighbourhood, so I shall be able to kill two birds with one stone."

Willenden magistrate to a woman: In what year were you born? Woman: I must leave that to you, sir. I only know I am thirty-nine.

West Ham debtor's excuse: I would have paid him long ago, but he has been so threatening in his manner that I have been afraid to go near him.

Man accused of gambling at Willenden: It is a nice thing if I cannot gamble with my own money.

Woman at Mansfield: I will ask her questions, but only on condition that she speaks the truth. Young wife at Southend: My husband brought his brother to our house to insult me.

A party of American editors and publishers from Minnesota and other Western States, under the leadership of Professor Edward Marion Johnson, of the University of Minnesota, are due to arrive in England on August 17.

POLICE TEMPTED BY FRUIT.**NOVEL WAY OF FISHING FOR MANGOES.****INDIAN SENTENCED.**

Tempted by a fine display of mangoes to steal four of these from a fruiterer's stall in Hollywood Road, P. C. Shadan Khan, an Indian constable in the Hongkong Police Force, has had his career abruptly terminated through discovery of his act.

For a number of days as he passed by the stall on his beat, Shadan Khan devised ways and means of carrying out a plan, and at length he evolved a rod, with a hook at one end, with which he hoped to get within reaching distance of the fruit. Then he inserted the rod through the booth and stuck it into four of the biggest mangoes. He stowed away the fruit one by one in his trousers pockets.

Arrest and Sequel.

It was well past midnight, when this occurred, but late as it was, three foks of the booth, who had been keeping a watch, appeared from cover and chased the Indian. Hard pressed, he was forced to drop the mangoes as he ran.

It was the intention of the foks to call a second policeman to arrest the first, but the only other policeman they could find proved to be also an Indian. He had a conversation with the first, and then the foks found the tables turned on them. Instead of seeing Shadan Khan arrested, as they had hoped, they were themselves seized; the situation being that they were accused of stealing their own mangoes.

Foks Released.

Matters were, however, put right at the Police Station. There the Senior Officer in charge, after hearing the story, ordered the Indian to be charged and the foks to be released.

Shadan Khan was charged with stealing four mangoes and the case was heard before Mr. R. E. Lindell, D.S.O., today, with the D. S. P., Mr. P. J. Woodhouse, C.I.E., prosecuting.

Evidence was given by one of the foks to the effect that many mangoes had been stolen from day to day from the stall, and at length a night watch was arranged.

For three days they had seen what, for want of a better name, was described as a fishing-rod placed in readiness on a window sill near-by. The purpose of this rod was revealed when they saw the Indian surreptitiously creep up to the booth and stick the mangoes with it.

Charge Denied.

Shadan Khan denied the charge, and ejaculated something which Mr. Woodhouse assured his Worship was a question to the witness, and not a statement.

His Worship:—It did not sound like one.

Defendant called a witness in the person of the other Indian constable who helped him take the foks to the Station.

This witness said he was on duty in Queen's Road Central when he was summoned by a police whistle to go up through Possession Street.

At the head of the slope, he came upon the defendant, who was then holding a small boy, but was himself being held by the collar by a second Chinese. He understood from the defendant that the Chinese were stealing mangoes, and, on that, assisted the defendant to take the men to the Police Station.

Starting Young.

His Worship convicted defendant, and, in calling for the man's record, was informed by Mr. Woodhouse that he had joined the Force only last January.

His Worship:—Starting young. Defendant was sentenced to four weeks on the larceny charge.

CASES FOR TRIAL AT SESSIONS.**THREE MEN TO BE DEALT WITH.**

There are three cases down for trial at this month's Criminal Sessions which commence next Monday, two of which are to be taken by the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, and two by the acting Puisne Judge, Mr. P. J. Woodhouse.

Before the Chief Justice, Kong Lau-yuen and Li Hong will be tried on charges of "assault by a person armed with intent to rob" and possession of moulds for coining purposes respectively.

Before Mr. P. J. Woodhouse, Chan Shing will be indicted for burglary and larceny, and returning to the Colony during a deportation period.

Lady Stonehaven, wife of the Governor-General of Australia, will leave Australia on a visit to England shortly.

TWO BANISHEES RETURN.**BOTH GET PRISON SENTENCES.**

Before Mr. R. E. Lindell, this morning, a Chinese was charged with unlawfully entering the Colony after having been banished for five years from February 28, 1928.

The defendant pleaded guilty and Sergeant Cargyle, reading from the defendant's police record, informed his Worship that the man served a term of one month's imprisonment in 1926 and six weeks in 1928, both for larceny. On his release in February this year, he was banished.

His Worship passed sentence of six months' hard labour and twenty strokes of the birch.

In another case, a Chinese who was banished from the Colony on November 30, 1919, for ten years was found in Hongkong by police officers yesterday. The man pleaded that he had returned here with the intention of raising funds from a younger brother for the purpose of going abroad.

His Worship remarked that that was no excuse for contravening the banishment order.

Sergeant Cargyle told his Worship that the defendant was sent to prison for three separate offences in 1919, these being on two counts of stealing and one of unlawful possession.

Mr. Lindell passed sentence of three months' hard labour.

A LONG TIME FOR SHORT TRIP.**JUNKMASTER'S NAIVE PLEA.**

At the Marine Court this morning before Commr. J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., the master of a trading junk was charged with attempting to leave the harbour during dark hours, without a permit and pleaded not guilty.

Police evidence was to the effect that at 10.15 p.m. on May 16, the junk was observed under way, having proceeded outside the Harbour limits. The accused admitted that he had no permit, but stated that he left West Point between 3 and 4 p.m. of that day.

The case was considered proved, and a fine of \$10 with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment inflicted.

Low Water.

Masters and mistresses of cargo junks, five in number, were charged with securing their craft inside low water mark during dark hours. All pleaded guilty with the exception of one mistress, who stated that she had a permit for working cargo.

It was ascertained that the boat of the mistress in question was secured alongside a.s. Tung On at 2.30 a.m. When boarded by a Police officer, she was not working cargo.

The accused produced a permit valid for one month from the date of issue, May 11.

His Worship, examining the permit, conceded the period of validity, but remarked that the wording was ambiguous. Under the circumstances he discharged the accused. The remaining defendants were all fined \$10 with the usual alternative.

TROOPS MARCHING ON WANHSIEN.**STEAMERS FORCED TO UNLOAD CARGOES.**

Naval wireless messages received in Hongkong state a report has been received to the effect that a considerable number of soldiers, who are marching on Wanhsien, have arrived at a place about 50 miles above the town.

Steamers operated by the Yangtze Rapids Company have been held up at Wanhsien, where they have been forced to discharge their cargoes.

Nothing unusual is reported from the middle and lower river ports.—Naval Wireless.

ROBBED WHILST ASLEEP.**INCIDENT AT SIKH TEMPLE.**

Mit Singh, an Indian living at the Sikh Temple, reported to the police yesterday that on Tuesday night, whilst he was asleep in the Temple, someone stole from him the sum of \$52.

On waking up, Mit Singh made enquiries among the tenants of the Temple and found that a man named Arjan Singh was missing. He therefore made a report to the police, giving the name of Arjan Singh as the man he suspected of having stolen the money.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

Is Flippant Musical Journalism Unseemly?—A Paragraph for Highbrows—Pantomime Songs—Tales of Organists.

[BY "ALLEGRO."]

A friend of mine knows somebody who is very irritated by these Musical Jottings. Apparently they are not what he considers Musical Jottings ought to be; that is to say, serious highbrow comments on Stravinsky's *Rite*, Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* and the Mechanism of Grand Pianos. The fact of the matter is that, even if I were able to write on such subjects, the number of people who would take the trouble to read about them could be numbered on the fingers of one hand. "Sinjon Wood," who writes in *Musical Opinion*, has had complaints made to him about his flippancy: "Some have said, 'We never know whether you are serious or not. You are this, that and the other, why don't you write like it?' Well, I don't think many would have read me if I had, for the most dismal part of musical journalism is its total lack of humour." Exactly. That is why, when some amusing anecdote concerning somebody or something in the musical world comes to light, it seems worth while devoting a paragraph to it. I am sorry my friend's friend likens the Jottings to "tripe," but he needn't read them.

However, here is a paragraph specially for his benefit. The Man-in-the-Street may give it a miss; if he doesn't there is a danger of his giving the *Telegraph* a miss in future. It is a description of the Polish national dance, the Mazurka, written for the benefit of musicians that they may understand the spirit animating Chopin's Mazurkas, and is taken from the pages of Liszt's "Life of Chopin":

"It is only in Poland that it is possible to catch the haughty, yet tender and alluring, character of the mazurka. The cavalier, who is always selected by the lady, seizes her as a conquest of which he is proud, and strives to show off her loveliness to the admiration of all his rivals before he whirls her off in an entrancing and ardent embrace, through the tenderness of which his defiant expression as a victor yet gleams, while it mingles with the blushing but gratified vanity of the prize whose beauty constitutes the glory of his triumph. The cavalier accentuates his steps as if in the pride of defiance, quits his partner for a moment as though he would contemplate her with renewed delight; then rejoins her with passionate zeal, or whirls himself rapidly round as if overcome with sudden joy and yielding himself to the delicious giddiness of his rapture."

"How varied are the movements which succeed each other in the course round the ball-room! Beginning with a sort of timid hesitation, the lady sways about like a bird just about to take the wing; for some time gliding on one foot alone, she skims the ice of the polished floor like a skater; then like a sportive child she runs forward and suddenly takes wing. Lifting her lowered eyelids, and with her head erect and her bosom swelling with elastic bounds she cleaves the air as the light baroque cleaves the waves, and seems to sport with space like an agile wood-nymph. Once again she begins her timid and graceful gliding, looks round at the spectators, sends words and signs to those most highly favoured, and then, ex-

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CHINESE ORATOR FINED.**DREW CROWD OF THREE HUNDRED.**

A Chinese, whose eloquence must have almost equalled that of Marcus Antonius, appeared before Major C. Willson, this morning, charged with causing an obstruction in Hollywood Road by attracting a crowd of no fewer than 300 men to listen to his oration.

The subject of his speech must remain a matter for conjecture, as the Indian constable who made the arrest, said he could not get through the crowd to hear what the defendant was saying, and that when he eventually did get near enough, he could not understand.

Be that as it may, the fact remains that when the defendant was told to move on by the constable, he was about to comply when the crowd clamoured for more. Defendant, without heading the constable, once again started to speak, but was promptly arrested and charged with obstruction.

In the Court this morning, defendant reasoned with the Magistrate that he would not be so foolish as to ignore a police order. The truth was that the policeman had arrested the wrong man.

His logic was unconvincing and he was ordered to pay a fine of \$2 by his Worship.

PLAGUE AT TSINAN.**DUE TO UNBURIED BODIES.**

The latest experience to befall Tsinanfu is an outbreak of plague, according to Chinese telegrams to hand from Shanghai to-day.

The outbreak is serious, according to these reports, many deaths occurring amongst the populace.

It is attributed very largely to the presence of many unburied bodies of Chinese and Japanese troops who perished in the recent fighting.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. What strange happenings in space convince astronomers that we are on the eve of the new planet?
2. How many millionaires are there in Great Britain according to the latest returns?
3. What English coins were called in and replaced by reason of defective designs?
4. Of what two European races is the origin still a mystery to ethnologists?
5. Where is there in England a coal mine which is worked by five men?
6. What diary containing references to Shakespeare has recently been sold for £10,500?
7. What are the limit dates between which Easter may fall?
8. What was the aggregate mileage covered by the entrants in the British Motor Cycling Club's Easter road trial?
9. What common vegetable once worshipped in ancient Greece, is renowned for its medicinal virtues?
10. Under the Bank Charter Act of 1844, 279 English banks had the right to issue bank-notes. How many can now do so?
11. What are the Tailteann games?
12. How many races and languages are represented on the Soviet Union?

BANDIT MENACE CONTINUES.**SOUTH KWANGTUNG CONDITIONS STILL BAD.****ROBBER OUTRAGES.**

A trip through the southern parts of Kwangtung and Kwangsi gives one a rather disturbing sensation at the present time, says a *Telegraph* correspondent. From Hoikow there are reports of bandits and "Reds" working up to the city limits, and the officials find it difficult to exercise control outside the city walls.

The Pakhoi and Limchow districts are also reported as being badly over run with bandits. In fact, the officials in their efforts to obtain soldiers seem to be frustrating their own purpose. Groups of recruits, as soon as they are equipped with rifles and belts of ammunition, desert to the bandits and leave the officials worse off than when they started to get recruits. Excepting on the boundaries it is rather dangerous to travel.

Recent Murders.

The city gates at Limchow are closed at dusk, but the thieves operate so close to the city that recently the cries of two men who were murdered could be heard from the city wall. No aid could be given, as the strength of the robbers was not known and except for a general alarm and plenty of noise to frighten the robbers off, nothing was done until the next day.

As soon as morning came, it was discovered that ten soldiers had deserted with their rifles and ammunition and it is thought that they might have been the murderers.

The Pakhoi foreign cemetery is rather a distressing sight as the officials have failed to protect it and it has been thoroughly desecrated. The gravestones have been thrown down and some of them broken and taken away. The iron picket fence that protected it from the pigs and cattle has been stolen and the place left in general ruin.

Young Women Killed.

At Lungchow, the thieves are still the leading subject of conversation, and even the city itself is not beyond the danger of bandit attacks. The approaches to the city are guarded so as to prevent a surprise attack, and coolies are compelled to have military escorts in order to get supplies in and out of the city. On May 7, three young women who were working in a field about a mile from the city were surprised by a company of bandits about 5 p.m. and were ordered to march off to the hills. They refused and tried to escape, and were murdered.

It is reported that the village of Hoi Tsun, near the Ping Yi Customs House on the Tonking border, was recently attacked by about a hundred robbers; twenty-nine villagers were killed and the village sacked. All the cattle were driven off and some of the inhabitants taken for ransom.

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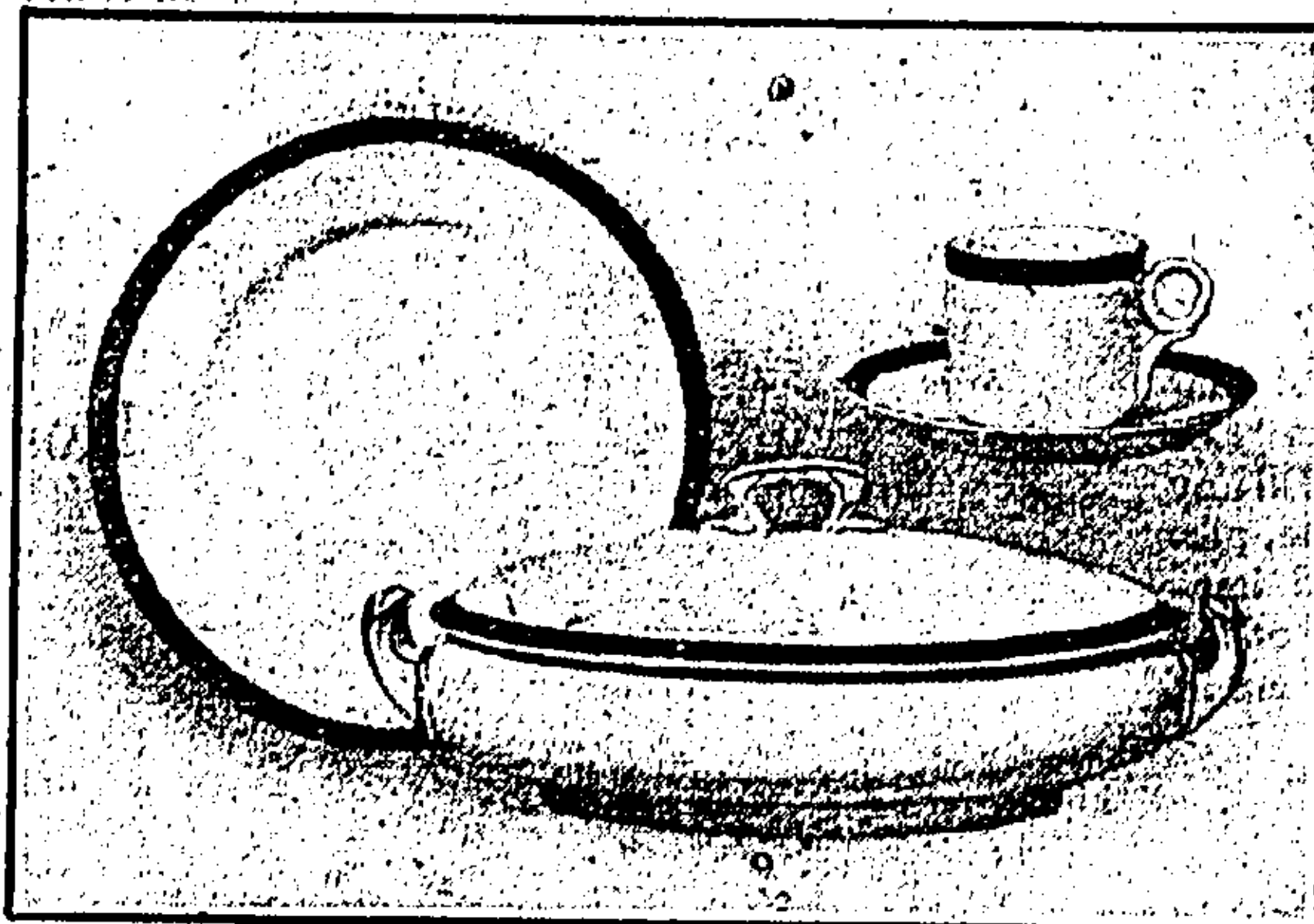
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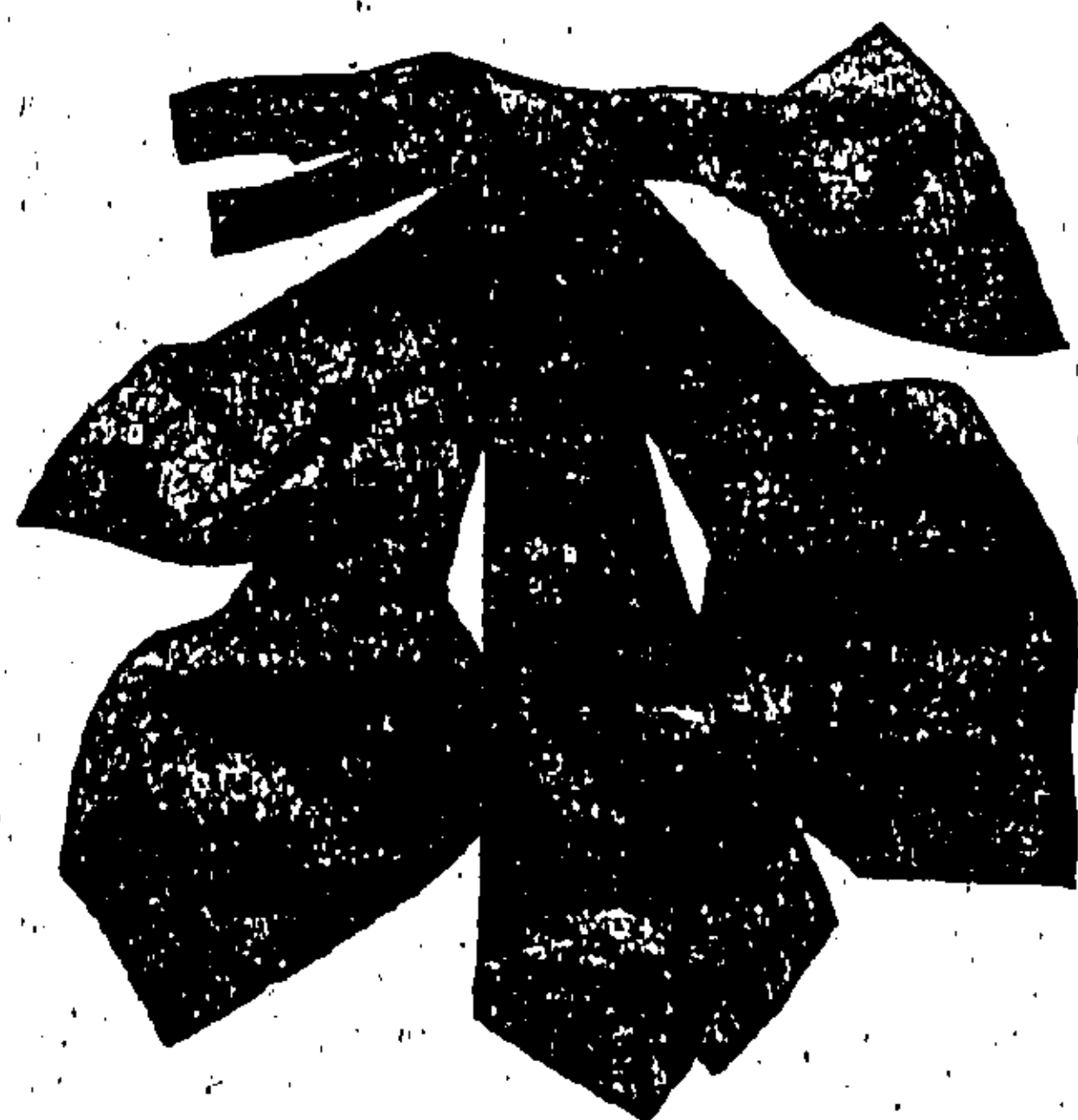
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PARIS NEWSPAPER WAR.

M. COTY AND A "MUZZLED" PRESS.

Two papers of widely different opinions, the Royalist *"Action Opinions"*, the Royalist *"Action Opinions"*, the Socialist *"Populaire"*, have published articles in support of M. Francois Coty in his struggle against the Federation des Journaux.

In his capacity as proprietor of the *Figaro* and the *Gaulois*, M. Coty is himself a member of the Federation. He had, however, announced the publication of another paper, *L'ami du Peuple*, to be sold at 10 centimes in Paris and 15 centimes in the provinces. He made no secret that the paper would not show a profit at this price, and was prepared for an annual loss of more than fifteen million francs (\$120,000). The object of the paper is to give the widest possible diffusion to the political views of M. Coty, which are Nationalist and sympathetic to Fascism.

The Federation contend, however, that this is unfair competition on the part of a newspaper proprietor, who is thus spending on journalism the millions made in perfumery, and they have persuaded the powerful distributing firm of Hachette not to handle the new paper. M. Coty has replied by putting fifty millions of francs into the establishment of a new distributing service. The attitude of the Socialist daily in supporting him, although it is entirely opposed to him politically, is chiefly interesting because it agrees with M. Leon Daudet of the *Paris Press* is muzzled by an indirect but effective censorship, partly of the Government and partly of certain financial interests. The fact that the three services of newspaper advertisements, newspaper distribution, and news agency are all concentrated in single controls helps to make this censorship possible.

A burglar who ransacked a house in St. Ann's-road, Southend, and took jewellery and money from a bedroom, where a man and wife were sleeping, took the precaution to remove the man's trousers also.

LONDON—BRIGHTON RELAY.

BIRCHFIELD HARRIERS JUST OUTSIDE RECORD.

Birchfield Harriers (Birmingham) won the London-Brighton relay running race recently for the third time in four years. Hallamshire Harriers were second, but had the consolation of knowing that their record of 4th. 41min. 17sec. for the 53 miles 1,432 yards, made last year, was unbeaten.

On a cold and windy day Birchfield Harriers did well to complete the distance, with each of ten men running a stage varying in distance from 4½ miles to 6½ miles, in 4th. 41min. 38 4-5sec. Hallamshire's time being 4th. 43min. 52sec. and Herne Hill Harriers finishing third in 4th. 47min. 49sec.

The winning team were given a great start when their popular captain, C. E. Blewitt, covered the first stage from Big Ben to Nightingale, Clapham Common (4 miles 1,066) in 23min. 11 4-5sec., which beat Blewitt's own record for the stage by 2 4-5sec. Hallamshire's second runner, N. Biddulph, ran well over the second stage to be on level terms with his rival Birchfielder at the second change-over, but from that point the Midlanders drew away.

There were about three thousand spectators to see the Lord Mayor, Sir Charles Batho, send the first men of the 21 teams—Achilles Club—not starting—on their way when the race started from Westminster. When the half-way stage, the Chequers Hotel, Herley, was reached Birchfield Harriers were still in front, Hallamshire Harriers being over two minutes behind. The third team here were Herne Hill Harriers, whose last two runners had made up a lot of ground.

After leaving Herley W. A. M. Edwards, the old Oxford Blue, further increased the lead and was full of running by the time he reached Crawley (31 miles 880 yards). The first eight placings were:

	h. min. sec.
1 Birchfield Harriers	4 41 38 4-5
2 Hallamshire Harriers	4 43 52
3 Herne Hill Harriers	4 47 49
4 St. Ann's Harriers	4 49 9
5 Highgate Harriers	4 52 1
6 Surrey Ath. Club	4 52 16
7 Slough Ath. Club	4 53 3
8 Polytechnic Harriers	4 53 15

LOCAL GOLF.

MATCH AT KOWLOON ON SUNDAY.

An interesting golf match has been arranged for Sunday between the Kowloon Golf Club and a Happy Valley Team. It will be an all-day fixture, the first pair teeing off at 9 a.m., the others to follow on at intervals of five minutes.

The match will be played on the Kowloon course, and not at Happy Valley, as stated in a contemporary. The teams are as follows:

Kowloon	Happy Valley
E. Black	F. E. Remondos
R. Campbell	A. W. Roberts
H. McFarish	E. D. da Rosa
R. Wallace	J. McKnight
F. Booker (Capt.)	H. Overy (Capt.)
J. Stewart	H. W. Page
J. McCubbin	J. D. Thomson
E. Moore	F. Cowherd
P. Morrison	A. W. da Rosa
F. Glover	H. Young
W. McKay	S. Gray
J. Dorling	J. Magagnan
A. Chaman	W. Patterson
G. McLeod	F. Wheeler
W. Pryde	A. A. Lopes
T. Young	J. H. Austin

LAWN TENNIS.

C.R.C. TEAM TO MEET CRAIGENGOWER.

The following have been selected to represent the Chinese R.C. "C" against Craigengower C.C. on the Po-kan, Lau Man-ching, in Tak-chauk, H. Lo and C. Chao.

DERBY FAVOURITE WINS.

SECURES NEWMARKET STAKES WITH EASE.

London, May 16. Lord Derby's Fairplay, which is the favourite for the Derby, won the Newmarket Stakes to-day over one mile and a quarter easily, by two lengths.

The Duke of Portland's Wheeler was second and Lord Londale's horse third.—*British Wireless*.

A special G. W. R. boat train from Plymouth to London covered the 227 miles in 229 minutes—11 minutes under the time usually taken for the daily non-stop run.

Several people were drenched when a jet of water, 20ft. high, gushed up in St. Ann's-square, Manchester, and 100,000 millions were lost before the leak could be stopped.

CAUTIOUS POLICY NEEDED.

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The Accounts.

Turning again to the accounts, you will see that the balance at credit of working accounts for 1927 is \$2,504,981.59 as against \$2,361,236.34, an increase of slightly over \$150,000; it must be borne in mind, however, that this account has yet a further 12 months to run and, though this increase is satisfactory, it is quite impossible to make any forecast as to what the ultimate result will be.

Our assets, as expressed in sterling and dollars, show increases of approximately \$60,000 and \$175,000, respectively.

Underwriting Suspense Account—This reserve continues in a sound position.

Reinsurance Fund.—This fund stands at \$2,266,097.56 as against \$2,363,670.18 for 1926, a decrease of \$97,572.62. This reduction in the dollar showing is almost entirely due to the rise in exchange from 1/11½d. on the 31st December, 1926, to 2/3½d. at the end of last year.

Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account.—This account shows an increase of \$177,928.87, which result is due to the improvement in the market values of both our gold and silver investments.

Our London office at No. 23, Cornhill was involved in the collapse of the 7th August last year and many important records were buried under the debris. Thanks, however, to the energy of our staff, matters have now been righted and the fact that we are able to hold our annual meeting at the same time as last year is ample evidence of the good work they put in. We are much indebted to our friends, the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., for the assistance they afforded us at the time of the collapse; they provided us with temporary office accommodation which we have just vacated to occupy our offices in "Lloyd's" new building.

Over a Million Surplus.

The surplus to be dealt with is \$1,008,202.75 out of which has been paid an interim dividend of \$18.00 per share. We now recommend a final payment of \$22.00 the same as last year, the addition of \$100,000 to Reinsurance Fund, and the transfer of the balance, amounting, to \$508,202.75, to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the year 1926. The balance of \$2,504,981.59 at credit of 1927 account allows of the payment of the usual interim dividend of \$18.00 for that year.

Owing to the very considerable increase that has taken place during the past few years in the work of auditing the accounts of the Company, it is proposed to raise the auditors' fees from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00, for each firm, and you will, I hope, confirm this when the proposal comes before the meeting. I do not think there is anything further that calls for special comment, but I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions arising out of the accounts which shareholders may wish to put, after the adoption of the report and accounts has been duly seconded.

I now propose the following resolution:—"That the Report and Accounts, as presented, including the payment of a Final Dividend in respect of the year 1926 of \$22 per share, and an Interim Dividend in respect of the year 1927 of \$18 per share; an addition of \$100,000 to Reinsurance Fund and of \$508,202.75 to Underwriting Suspense Account, be adopted and passed."

Mr. Ho Leung seconded and the proposition was carried. Mr. J. H. Taggart proposed that Sir Robert Ho Tung, and Messrs. A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, A. E. Gubbay, Henry Humphreys, T. E. Pearce, and H. P. White, together with the chairman, be re-elected to the Consulting Committee.

This was seconded by Mr. L. S. Greenhill and was carried.

On the proposition of Mr. A. H. M. da Silva seconded by Mr. Lo Man-hin, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$1,000 each per month.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants were ready and could be had on application.

Besides the Chairman, there were present Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. L. Dunbar, Mr. H. Humphreys, and Mr. H. P. White (Directors); Mr. F. C. Hall, (Secretary); and the following shareholders:—Messrs. J. H. Taggart, L. S. Greenhill, J. Arnold, D. V. Stevenson, A. H. M. da Silva, Ho Leung, and Lo Man-hin.

A Llanelli tin worker, Sidney Hopkins (thirty-two) has died in hospital from burns received by falling into a tank of sulphuric acid at the works where he was employed.

"SORRELL AND SON."

FILM WELL WORTH SEEING.

Warwick Deeping's novel, "Sorrell and Son," has been very admirably adapted to the screen by the United Artists corporation. It was shown for the first time in Hongkong at the Queen's Theatre yesterday and drew crowded houses.

On being demobilised after a career of great gallantry in the war, Captain Stephen Sorrell, M. C., is deserted by his wife, and he then sets himself to the task of fighting life's battles so that his young son, Kit, may make good. It is an uphill struggle, in the course of which he has to accept the job of a hotel porter, but reward finally comes when, in spite of great obstacles, Kit becomes a famous surgeon. There is a gripping climax when Kit performs a last merciful service to his pain-wracked father by administering a fatal dose of morphine on realising that a cure is out of the question.

We may quarrel with some aspects of the story and wonder somewhat at the patient resignation of the man who had shown such daring courage in the war, but that is the fault of the novelist, not the producers, who, we are glad to note, did not either fall to the temptation to give the film a happy ending or unduly emphasise the sentimentality of such a theme. One or two of the minor characters are a trifle overdrawn, notably Dr. Orange, who looks more like a Nihilist than a renowned surgeon, and Flo Palfrey, the wife of a country inn-keeper, who is far too much of the professional "vamp" to be convincing.

These points aside, the film can be hailed as a big success, even if somewhat depressing. The leading roles are extremely well taken, especially that of Stephen Sorrell by H. B. Warner, whilst Mickey McBan as Kit, the boy, and Nils Astner as Kit, when grown-up, are excellent. The acting all through is very powerful. A further feature of the film is the English scenery, which is so true to life as to make us exiles feel a little homesick.

We can thoroughly recommend the film as being distinctly above the average.

165 EX-SERVICEMEN DISMISSED.

REDUCTION OF WORK AT HEALTH MINISTRY.

Temporary employees of the Ministry of Health to the number of 165, mostly ex-Servicemen, have received notices terminating their employment, to take effect on June 14.

It was stated at the Ministry of Health that the reason for dismissal was the reduction of work at the Ministry, particularly in regard to contributory pensions.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Minister of Health, announced in the House of Commons on February 9 last that 121 temporary ex-Servicemen clerks in the various branches of the Ministry, including the Action office, had been given notice terminating their appointments at the end of March, mainly owing to the prospective reduction of work following on the coming into full effect of the Pensions Act.

On March 22 he further stated that the prospective volume of work for the current year did not afford any justification for cancelling the notices, but in view of the present position of the work he had decided to postpone their operation for a short time.

It is understood that there is very little likelihood of the present notices being rescinded.

LETTER GOLF.

Here is the letter golf editor's Easter present to good letter golfers—in fact you have to be good to get it, for from EGG to DYE looks easy, but it's a little tricky.

E	G	G
D	Y	E

1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to Hen, in three strokes, COW, HOW HEW HEN.

2.—You can change only one letter at a time.

3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

EXPERT'S PLEA FOR A CLEAN ST. PAUL'S.

SOOT EATING STONE LIKE "NESSUS SHIRT."

Canon Alexander's statement that "smoke is the greatest protection stonework can have," continues to be criticised by experts. "You have certainly performed a valuable service to the public in drawing attention to Mr. Heaton's statements concerning the disastrous effect of soot on our London buildings, particularly St. Paul's," writes Mr. T. Hodley Barry.

The statement by the canon raises afresh the whole problem of the preservation of our great cathedrals. No one doubts that the canons and deans responsible for these fabrics are worthy gentlemen so far as their ecclesiastical and theological attainments are concerned.

"It is a very serious matter, however, that questions involved in the preservation of these buildings, for which the public are asked to contribute many thousands of pounds annually, should finally rest with men who do not possess the necessary technical knowledge. In the present case, the canon's remark is yet another example of a little knowledge being a dangerous thing, for it appears evident that he has confused the question of stone preservation with the question of paint."

Curiously enough, Mr. Heaton, who now rightly joins issue with the canon, was one of those who drew attention to the fact that in the case of painted wooden surfaces, the layer of soot did sometimes appear to have a protecting action.

The layer of soot is like a blanket and does, of course, protect the surface to some extent from abrasion and weathering, but unfortunately it is a blanket saturated with dilute acids. In the case of paint on wood, the action of these acids is in many cases comparatively slight, and the protection from abrasion afforded by the "blanket" may more than compensate, at least for a time, for the destructive action of the acids.

Taking Charge of "Ruins." Unfortunately, however, stone generally, and the stone of St. Paul's in particular, is very sensitive to the action of acids.

So far from being a protective "blanket," the layer of soot is a veritable "Nessus shirt," eating away the structure of the building. Even though the periodical removal of the dirt undoubtedly has a certain abrasive effect, and exposes the stone to the effects of the atmosphere, it is the loss of two evils.

"It is certainly rather tragic," concludes Mr. Barry, "that it is not till our great cathedrals become ruins that the nation as a whole has the right to take charge of them, and to ensure that they are treated by experts in accordance with the best practical and scientific experience available."

The "Nessus shirt" was the tunic dipped in the blood of the centaur Nessus, which, donned by Hercules, burnt into his flesh and drove him mad with pain.

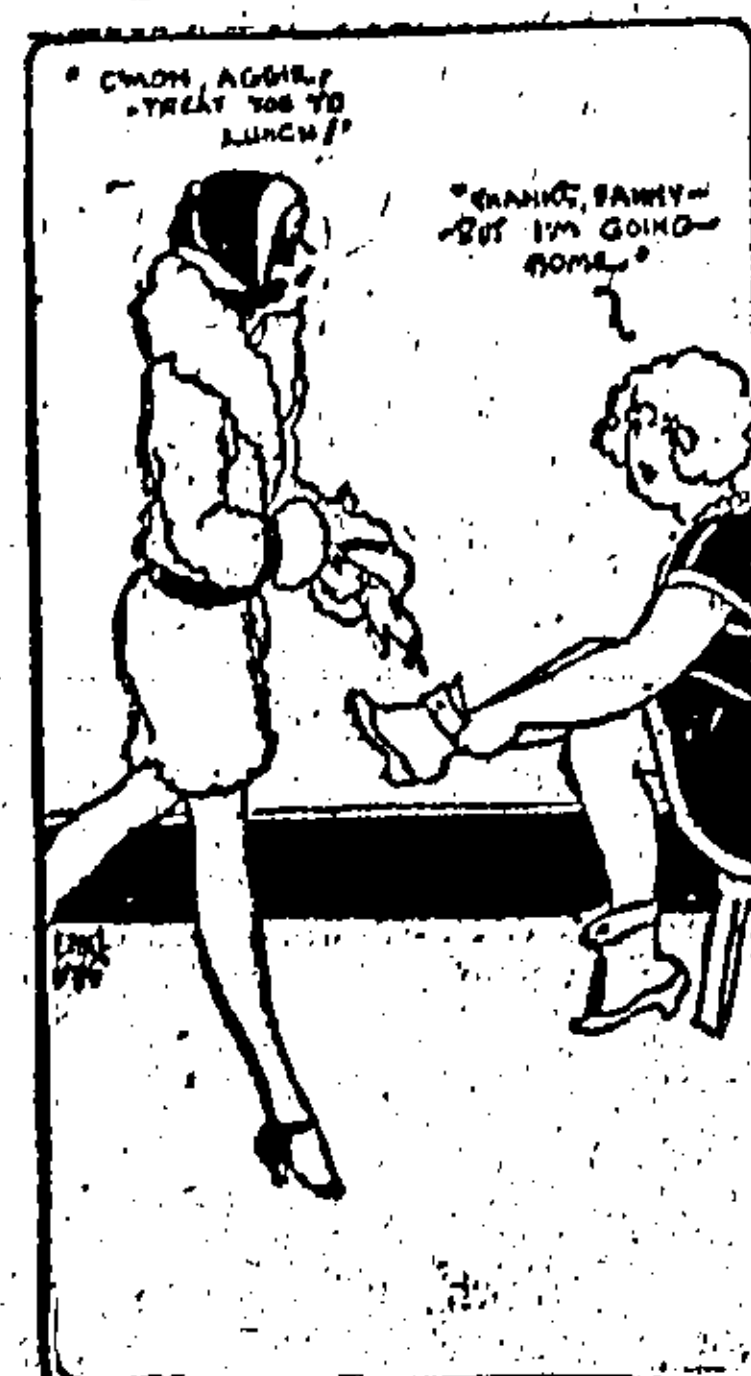
BETTER WEATHER?

The Royal Observatory report states:—The Northern depression has passed to the North-east of Japan. The Southern depression remains stationary over Indo-China. The Anticyclone has strengthened and is central near Shanghai. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—Southerly to Easterly winds, moderate, overcast.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. The planets Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune have been deviating from their orbits as if under the influence of some new celestial body as yet unseen. 2. 662. 3. Florida in 1810, from which "Dei Gratia" was omitted; Jubilee shillings, of which the dollar was like that of the half-sovereign; and other Jubilee coins exaggerating Queen Victoria's bust. 4. The Lithuanians and the Basques. 5. At Tan Hill, on the North Yorkshire moors. 6. That of the Rev. John Ward, Vicar of Stratford-on-Avon in 1622. 7. March 22 and April 23 inclusive. 8. Just over 600,000 miles. 9. The onion. 10. Only one, the Bank of England. 11. Historic Irish festival, which dates back to 632 B.C. 12. Race 102, language 140, including dialects.



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HOTEL ROBBERY.

DIAMOND RING AND
CHEQUES STOLEN.

A robbery of unusual magnitude was enacted at the Sun Tung Hing Boarding House of No. 68, Connaught Road Central, yesterday, when a Chinese, who arrived in the Colony on Tuesday night, was robbed of jewellery and cheques, to the value of nearly \$8,000.

The victim is Kwan Shun-cheong, who on arrival in the Colony with his nephew on Tuesday, rented a room in the Sun Tung Hing Boarding House. They had with them little luggage, their belongings being contained in several little leather bags.

One of these bags contained all the valuables these two persons possessed and it was this one which was rifled by the robbers. According to information gathered from the boarding house, it would appear that Kwan and his nephew left there shortly before noon yesterday and returned a few minutes before 4 p.m. They had locked the door of their room and taken the key with them but on their return they found that the robbery had taken place. The door of their room, strangely enough, showed no signs of having been tampered with.

The loss included a diamond ring valued at \$1,300 and a number of gold coins, also two bearer cheques.

The police were immediately called in and Detective Sergeant Humphreys and a number of Chinese detectives proceeded to the Boarding House to make enquiries. As a result of the police investigations, it is surmised that the robber or robbers must have been long aware that the valuables of the two travellers were contained in one particular bag, as the thieves made no attempt to force open any of the others.

Despite the fact that the employees of the boarding house claimed that there was only one key to the victim's room, the police on examining the various keys in the possession of several of the employees of the boarding house found that some of them fitted Room 14.

Two of the employees of the boarding house were detained by the police for enquiries.

WANTED FOR THEFT.

CHINESE ARRESTED ON
BOARD TAI SHAN.

Through the astuteness of a shop fold, a Chinese who managed to steal \$693 from his master early yesterday morning, was arrested as he was trying to leave the Colony with the booty.

The incident occurred on the Canton Wharf last night, when a man was taken into custody by officers on search duty on the wharf, a few minutes prior to 10.30 p.m. when the Tai Shan was due to sail for Canton.

A search on the body of the arrested person revealed that he had no money. Later, the police by the application of coercive methods, managed to get their man to divulge the hiding place of the money he had stolen. The arrested person told the officer that the money was hidden in his belt, having been sewn into the centre of the belt in such a way that it could not be detected.

The belt was immediately ripped open and on the inside was found \$625. In a purse carried by defendant was \$10 in small change and the man also carried a ticket for a first class passage to Canton.

The theft is alleged to have occurred yesterday morning, when the arrested person, who was employed at a salt fish shop in the Western district, saw a good opportunity of stealing some money left on a counter in a leather bag by the master of the shop. The master had given instructions to another foki as to what to do with the money and where it was to be found.

Apparently these instructions got to the ears of the arrested person for as soon as the master left the shop, he bolted with the money.

Meanwhile the foki who was instructed to settle the firm's account, missed the money and at once made a report at the No. 7 Police Station and also supplied a description of the missing foki. Although the police carried out extensive searches in every possible place, they did not come upon their man.

Last night, it occurred to the foki who made the report to the police that the thief might attempt to leave the Colony. He therefore made an assiduous search amongst all the passengers on the boats due to leave for Canton. He found the wanted man in a Chinese first class saloon on the Tai Shan and immediately notified the police on the wharf. Following the arrest, he jubilantly related the tale of the loss to the number of people who had gathered round to find out the why and wherefore of the arrest.

EGYPTIAN CHAMBER.

STORMY SESSION OVER
SUDAN EXPENSES.

Cairo, May 16.

Further lively scenes occurred in the Chamber during the debate on the Egyptian Government's contribution of £750,000 towards the expenses of the Sudan, which was finally approved. The Wafdist opposed the payment and attacked the Premier, Nahas Pasha, for agreeing to the payment prior to obtaining the consent of the Chamber.

Mahommed Pasha Mahmud, the Minister of Finance, explained that the usual procedure was followed but owing to his resignation Nahas Pasha himself assumed the responsibility of sanctioning the payment. Much confusion ensued, the Wafdist and Wafdist exchanging acrimonious remarks. Finally, the closure was carried.—*Reuter*.

HINT TO BRITISH FIRMS.

AUSTRALIA SEES ROOM FOR
MORE EFFICIENCY.

"I think we are all agreed that there is room for considerable increase in efficiency of distribution and salesmanship on both sides," states the High Commissioner of Australia (Sir Granville Ryrie) in a comment on the Board of Trade overseas trade returns just published.

"British manufacturers would be well advised to study our requirements carefully, as we are trying to study the requirements of Britain."

"During an average year," he states, "the Dominions and Colonies import from £850,000,000 to £900,000,000 worth of goods; and about 70 per cent. of such im-

ports are manufactures. The total value of Great Britain's manufactured exports ranges from £550,000,000 to £600,000,000 a year. Thus, the overseas Empire's manufactured imports (as to value) could more than absorb Britain's total exports in that category.

"If we assume that only 65 per cent. of the imports of the Dominions and Colonies represent manufactured articles," he adds, "it means that they import from £550,000,000 to £600,000,000 worth

of manufactures yearly, which is about the value of Britain's own total exports of manufactures."

The decision of the Leamington Cricket Club to indulge in Sunday matches has caused something of a sensation in the Midlands area. There has been a storm of opposition, especially as the club's decision was arrived at by a majority of one vote. Many prominent members of the club have threatened to resign.

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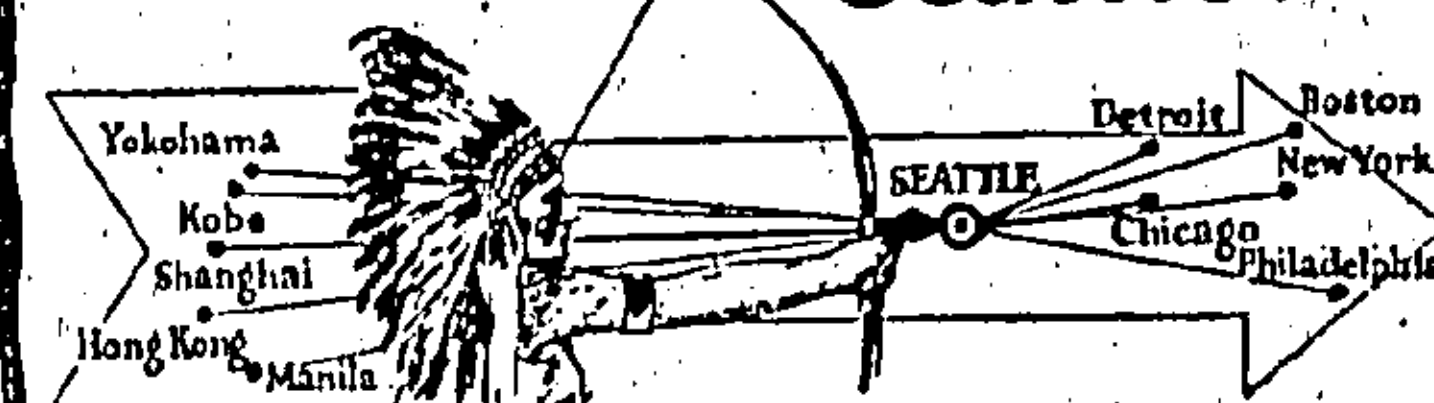
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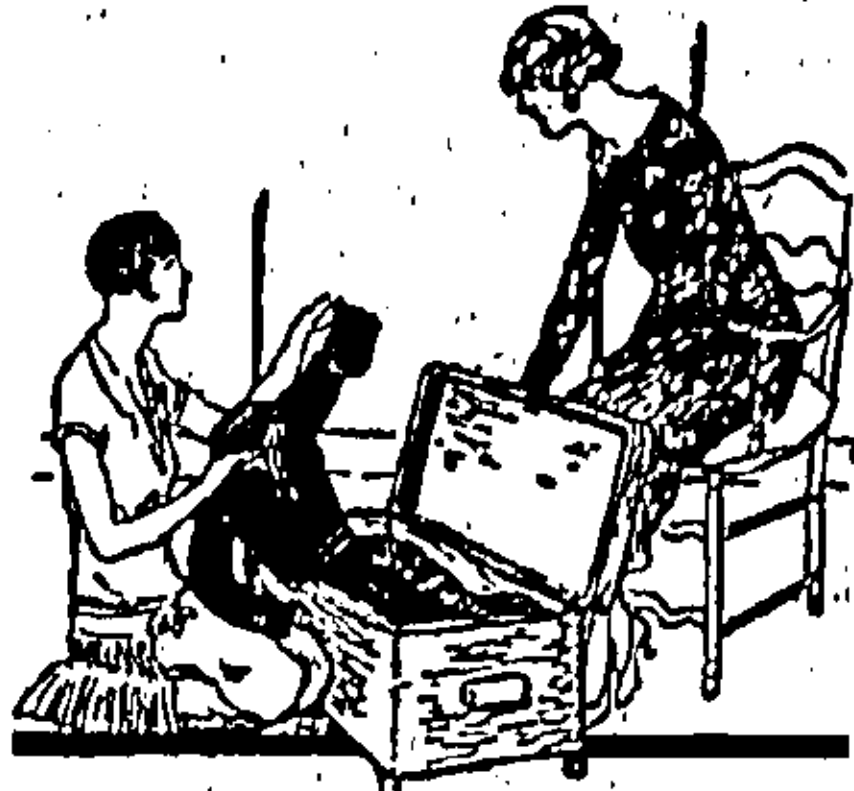
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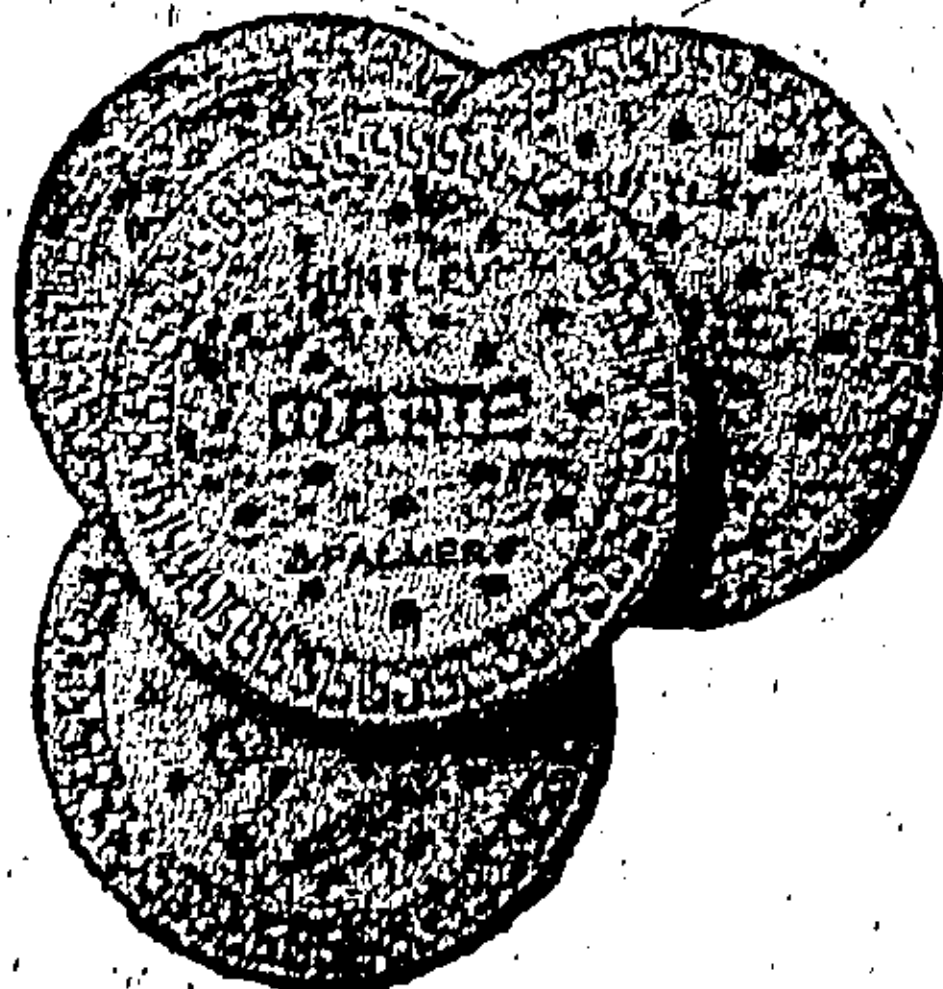
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CHAPTER XXXVIII.

"Canfield is a county seat," David shouted excitedly before his long strides had brought him back to Sally. "The driver of the milk truck," he guessed why "I wanted to know," he added in a lower voice, as he came abreast of her and took her hands to swing them triumphantly. "He says we crossed the state line about 10 miles back and that the marriage laws are very easy on clippers here. In some states you have to establish a legal residence before you can be married, but there'll be no trouble like that here. Elopers come here or three bordering states come here to get married, he says. We're in luck, sweetheart."

"You didn't tell him our names?" Sally asked anxiously. "Mrs. Stone will have sent out a warning—" "I'm not quite such an idiot," David laughed, "even if I am crazy in love. Now the next problem is breakfast. I suppose a farmhouse will be the best bet. It wouldn't be safe for us to hang around Canfield for three or four hours, waiting for the marriage license bureau to open. We're going to be married, darling, before the law has a chance to lay its hand on us."

They trudged along the state highway, miraculously revived by hope that all their troubles would soon be over, their eyes searching eagerly for a farmhouse. And just over the rise of a low hill they found it—a tenant farmer's unpainted shack, from whose chimney rose a straight column of blue smoke.

They found the family at breakfast—the wife a slim, pretty, discontented-looking girl only a few years older than Sally; the husband, thick, short, dark and dour, at least a dozen years older than his wife; and a tow-headed baby boy of three.

The kitchen was an unpainted and unpapered lean-to of rough, weather-darkened pine. But Sally and David had eyes only for the tall stack of buckwheat cakes, the platter of roughly cut, badly fried "side meat," the huge graniteware coffee pot set on a chipped plate in the centre of the table.

"Breakfast," the dour tenant farmer grunted, in answer to David's question. "Reckon so, if you can eat what we got. I'll cost you 50 cents a piece. I don't work from sun-up to sun-down to feed tramps."

"Oh, Jim," the wife protested, flushing. "Cakes and coffee ain't worth 50 cents. I might run down to the big house and get some eggs and cream—" she added uncertainly, her distressed brown eyes flickering from Sally and David in the doorway to her scowling husband.

"We'll be delighted with the buckwheat cakes and bacon and coffee, and not think a dollar too much for our breakfast," David cut in, smiling pleasantly upon the farmer. "We're farmers ourselves, and we're used to farm ways. How are crops around here, sir?"

"My name's Buckner," the dour farmer answered grudgingly. "I'll bring in a couple of chairs. Millie, you'd better fill up this here syrup pitcher and you might open a jar of them damson preserves."

"And I'll beat up some more hot cake batter," Millie Buckner fluttered happily. "It won't take me a minute."

Sally and David washed their hands and faces at the pump outside the kitchen door, drying them on a fresh roller towel that Jim Buckner brought them.

"Run away to get married, have you?" the farmer asked in an almost pleasant voice, as he led the way to the newly set table.

"Yes," David answered simply. "We walked all night and we're rather tired, but we thought there was no use in going in to Canfield until pretty near nine o'clock."

"I guess Millie can fix up a bed so the little lady can snatch a nap 'tween now and then," Buckner offered. "Pitch in, folks! It ain't much, but you're welcome. Farmer, eh?" and his narrow eyes measured David's splendid young body thoughtfully. "Aim to locate

around here? Old man Webster, the man I rent this patch of ground from, is needing hands bad. He's got a shack over the hill that he'd likely fix up for you if you ain't got anything better in mind. Not quite as nice as this house—we got three rooms, counting this lean-to, the one room and a lean-to, but the only one room and a lean-to, but the little lady could fix it up real pretty if she's got a knack that way, like Millie here has."

Sally almost choked on her mouthful of buckwheat cake. Were all her dreams of a home to come to this—or worse than this? One room and a lean-to! She felt suddenly ill and was swaying in her chair when David's firm, big hand closed over hers that lay laxly on the table.

"Thanks, Mr. Buckner," she heard David's voice faintly as from a great distance. "That's mighty nice of you, but Sally and I have other plans."

Other plans? Sally smiled at him tremulously, adoringly, knowing full well that he had no plans at all beyond the all-important marriage ceremony. But after breakfast she lay down on the bed that Millie Buckner hastily "straightened" and drifted off to sleep, as happy as if her future were blue-printed and insured against poverty. For no matter what might be in store for her, there would always be David.

They left the tenant farmer's shack at half past eight o'clock, Millie and Jim Buckner and the baby waving them goodbye. Buckner, ashamed of his ungraciousness, had refused to take the dollar, but David had wrapped the baby's small, sticky fingers about the folded bill.

"Shall we go up the hill and see 'Old Man Webster'?" David asked gravely when they were in the lane leading to the highway.

"Let's," agreed Sally valiantly. "You'd really be willing to live—like that?" David marvelled, his head jerking toward the dreary little shack they were leaving behind them.

"If—if you were with me, it wouldn't matter," Sally answered seriously.

"You'll never have to!" David exclaimed, sweeping her to his breast and kissing her regardless of the fact that the Buckners were still watching them. "I promise you it will never be as bad as that, honey. But maybe Jim Buckner promised Millie the same thing," he added in a troubled, uncertain voice.

"I'll never be sorry," Sally promised huskily.

They reached Canfield a few minutes after nine and had no difficulty in finding the county court house, for its grounds formed the "square," which was the hub of the small town. An old man pottering about the tobacco-stained halls with a mop and pail directed them to the marriage license bureau, without giving them a glance or waiting for David to frame his embarrassed question.

The clerk, a pale, very thin young man, whose weak eyes were enlarged by thick-lensed glasses, thrust a printed form through the wicket of his cage, and went on with his work upon a big ledger, having apparently not the slightest interest in foolish young couples who wanted to commit matrimony.

"Answer all the questions," the clerk mumbled, without looking up. "Table in the corner over there. Pen and ink."

Sally and David were laughing helplessly by the time they had taken seats at the pine table in the corner. "Proving you're never as important as you think you are," David chuckled. "Let's see. 'Place of residence.' I suppose we'll have to put Capital City. But that chap certainly doesn't worry a scrap who we are or where we're from. We're all in the day's work with him, thank heaven. Don't forget to put your age at 18, darling."

When they presented their filled-in and signed application for a marriage license, the clerk accepted it with supreme indifference, glancing at it and drew a stack of marriage license blanks toward him. As he

began to write in the names, however, he frowned thoughtfully, then peered through the bars of his cage at the blushing, frightened couple. "Your names sound awfully familiar to me," he puzzled. "Where you from? Capital City? Say, you're the kids that got into a row with a farmer and busted his leg and beat it, ain't you?"

Sally pressed close to David, her hands locking tightly over his arm, but David, as if he did not understand her signal, answered the clerk in a steady voice: "Yes, we are."

"I read all about you in the papers," the clerk went on in a strangely friendly voice. "I reckon your story made a deep impression on me because I was raised in an orphan's home myself and ran away when I was 14. I hoped at the time that you kids would make a clean get-away. I see the young lady's had a couple of birthdays in the last month," he grinned and winked. "Eighteen now, eh?"

"Yes," Sally quavered and then laughed, the lid of her right eye fluttering slowly down until the two fringes of black lashes met and untangled.

The clerk's pen scratched busily. "All right, youngsters. Here you are. Justice of the peace, wedding."

"We'd rather be married by a minister," David answered as he laid a \$20 bill under the wicket and reached for the marriage license.

"That's easy," the clerk assured him heartily. "Like every county seat, Canfield's got her 'marrying parson.' Name of Greer. He's building a new church out of the fees that the eloping couples pay him. Lives on Chestnut street. White church and parsonage. Five blocks up Main street and turn to your right, then walk a block and a half. You can't miss it. And good luck, kids. You'll need lots of it."

David thrust a hand beneath the wicket and the two young men shook hands. David flushed and embarrassed but smiling, the clerk grinning good-naturedly.

"They don't forget your change," their new friend called as David and Sally were turning away. "Marriage licenses in this state cost only \$1.50. If you've got any spare change, give it to Parson Greer."

"Oh, he was sweet!" Sally cried, between laughter and tears, as they walked out of the courthouse. "I thought I would faint when he asked us that awful question. But everything's all right now."

"We're as good as married," David assured her triumphantly, slapping his breast pocket and cocking his head to listen to the crackling of the marriage license.

"Five blocks up Main street. Up must mean north."

Within five minutes they were awaiting an answer to their ring at the door of the little white parsonage half hidden behind the rather shabby white frame building of the church.

A stout, rosy-cheeked, white-haired old lady opened the door and beamed upon them. "You're looking for the 'marrying parson,' aren't you?" she chuckled. "Well, now, it's a shame, children, but you'll have to wait quite a spell for him. He's conducting a funeral at the home of one of our parishioners, and won't be back until about half past 11. I'm Mrs. Greer. Won't you come in and wait?"

Sally and David consulted each other with troubled, disappointed eyes. Sally wanted to cry out to David that she was afraid to wait two hours, afraid to wait even half an hour, but with Mrs. Greer beaming expectantly upon them she did not dare.

"Thank you, Mrs. Greer," David answered, his hand tightening warningly upon Sally's. "We'll wait."

As they followed Mrs. Greer into the stuffy, over-furnished little parlour, he managed to whisper reassuringly in Sally's ear: "Just two hours, darling. Nothing can happen."

But Sally was shaking with fright—

(To Be Continued.)

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

(Continued from Page 7.)

tending her lovely white arms to the partner who comes to rejoin her, she again begins those vigorous steps which convey her with the rapidity of magic from one end of the ball-room to the other. She glides, runs, flies; emotion colours her cheeks and adds brilliance to her eye; fatigue bends her supple form and retards her winged feet, until, panting and exhausted, she gently falls into the arms of her partner, who, taking hold of her with his vigorous arm, lifts her a moment in the air ere he finishes with her the final intoxicating whirl.

"Let's all sing the Lord Song—Lardy-da-da-da." This new pantomime song, and others, such as: "And now I am going a tat-tas up to London on a choo-choo-choo-cher. Wave to me; wave to me," have been exciting the admiration of Mr. Alfred Kalisch, the music critic of the *Daily News*, who is one of the most erudite musicians in Europe. He says that it is all very well to scoff at the musicians who provide these songs, but the tunes are mostly written with about five notes of the scale and an even less number of harmonies. Such economy of means gains his respect. This year's pantomime songs which have given him the greatest pleasure are the above-named, and an Oriental Fox-Trot Fantasy entitled "In a Street of Chinese Lanterns"; there is also the "Little Baby," and the lament of a gentleman who has "never been a Romeo."

"Gonna get a girl, Because I ought to have a girl. Because I ought to have a girl. That's why I'm gonna get a girl."

In concluding his comments, Mr. Kalisch writes: "If these songs are, as I believe they are, a good example of the music in this year's pantomimes, it seems that the more it changes the more, as they say in France, does it remain the same thing."

Many amusing and true stories, told by organists, have been collected by John Warriner and published under the title "Tales of Organists." Many of the best stories about Sir Frederick Bridge have found their way into this book, which can be thoroughly recommended to those musicians who like a little comic relief. There is a tale of Sir Frederick at a rehearsal of the Madrigal Society, where he could not get the members to sing "Lullaby" *ad libitum*. "Gentlemen, I couldn't recommend you as night nurses," Ernest Busby relates the incident of an organ-blower-railway porter who fell asleep during the sermon and woke up shouting "Hammer-smith train; plenty of room behind." Space prevents quotations from the book, but a perusal of it will show that the deadly-serious highbrow among musicians and music-lovers is in a class by himself.

POLYGAMY ABOLISHED IN ALBANIA.

THE MODERN MOVEMENT IN ISLAM.

The modernising movement in Islam which has begun to unveil the women and de-fez the men appears to have infected the little State of Albania. Albania is, like Yugoslavia, a country of a great mixture of faiths. In Albania there are very few Jews, and, as far as can be ascertained, complete absence of Plymouth Brethren (who are endemic in the Yugoslav Voivodina), but there are, nevertheless Catholics and Greek Orthodox and two kinds of Mohammedans. Those religious divisions correspond more nearly with tribal divisions than in Yugoslavia, and inter-tribal quarrels thus have the stimulation of religious difference.

The majority of Albanians, however, and the ruling group are Mohammedan, and Albania should be looked on as a Mohammedan country. It is, therefore, of the greater interest that an inter-confessional law has just been promulgated in Tirana. The new law, with a view to consolidating the country, makes the intermarriage of the members of the different faiths a possibility. The most interesting and revolutionary provision, however, is that which deliberately prohibits polygamy. The Mohammedans of Albania in future will be allowed only one wife. As Albania is a primitive country, which still maintains a medieval patriarchal form of life, and is one of the few countries in which any large proportion of Mohammedans can afford a second wife, the law is a very drastic blow. The indignation against unveiling and de-fez, to the discomfiture of Mohammedan diehards, appears to have no real support in the Koran. The prohibition of polygamy, however, is in direct conflict with the word of the Prophet, and it remains to be seen to what extent it meets with passive—perhaps more properly, active—resistance.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

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Chartered Bank, \$21 b.
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Union Ins., \$344 s.
North China, Ins., Tls. 140 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$47 b.
China Underwriters, \$24 b.
China Fire, \$220 b.
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Douglases, \$44 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$28½ b.
H. K. Tugs, \$24 s.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$78 b.
Shell Trans., 90.- n.
Union Waterboats, \$20½ b.

Mining.

Benguets, \$17 n.
Kailans, 60.- b.
Lampkats, Tls. \$13½ n.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.85 n.
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Tramways, \$24½ s.
Peak Trans., (old) \$13½ b.
Star Ferries, \$64½ n.
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H'kong Electric, \$69½ b.
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China Buses, Tls. 7½ n.
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China Sugars, \$31 n.
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H. K. G. Loan, 5.

EDUCATIONAL METHODS.

DUCHESS ON ENGLISH AND AMERICAN SCHOOLS.

An interesting comparison between the educational methods of England and America was made by the Duchess of Atholl, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education, on her return from New York on board the White Star liner Olympic.

"My investigations into the American educational system were confined to one week," she said, "but I was tremendously impressed by the great pains taken by the authorities to study the aptitudes and tastes of the children, who do not fit well into the ordinary school curriculum. They take an intense interest in the individual child, and by carefully studying him or her psychologically and otherwise, they are frequently able to educate the children along beneficial lines. They have certainly gone further than we have in varying the curriculum."

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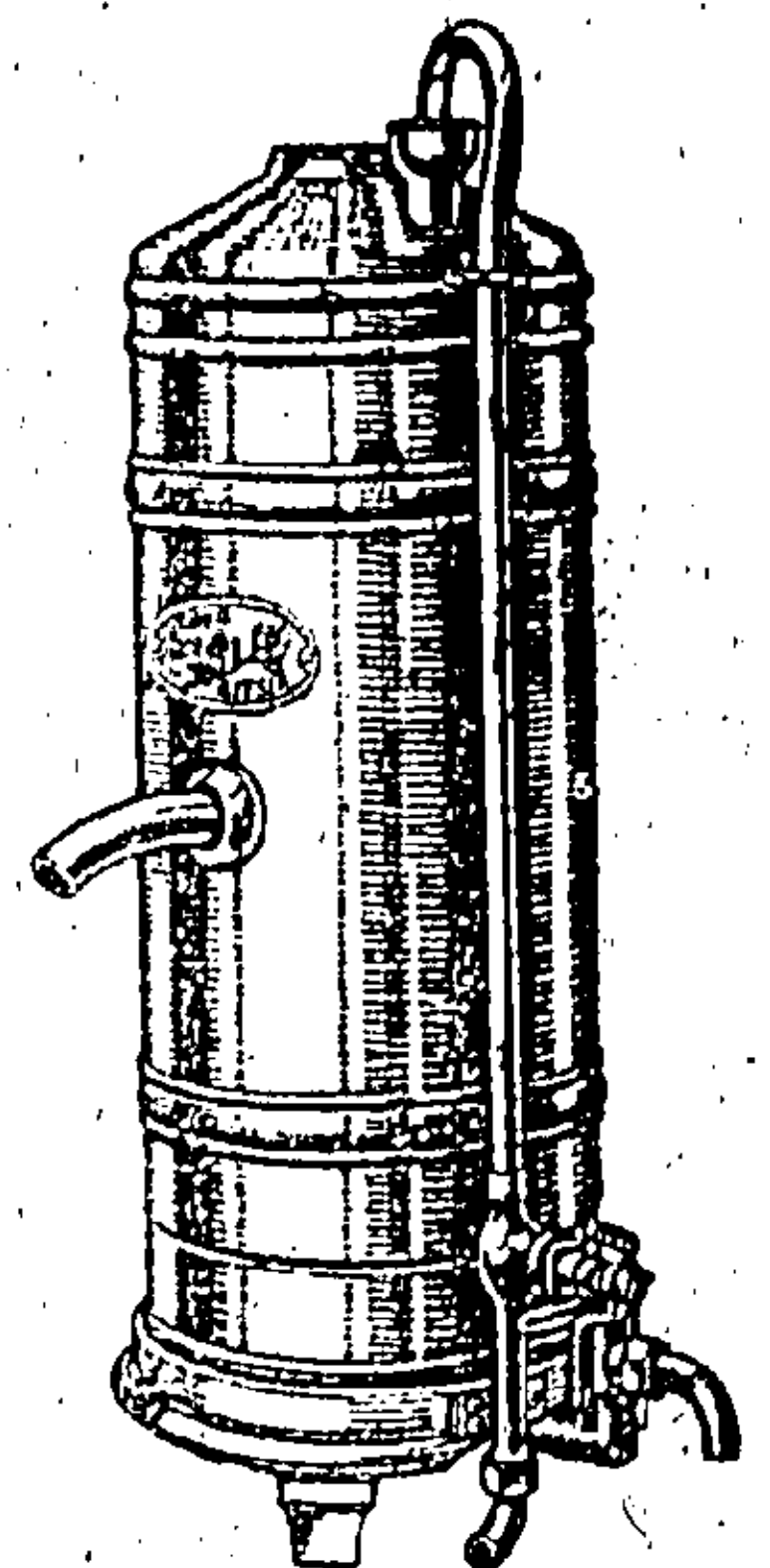
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Berlin, April 18.

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The Plenum, in forbidding further compulsion, points to the danger of grave economic and political consequences from the continuance of the encroachments adopted in execution of the measures. It is declared that local authorities will best secure corn by keeping within the bounds of the "new economic policy," admitting of private trading.

But the campaign against the kulaks (rich peasants), initiated in to be continued, and a new weapon is to be employed in the taxation of the incomes derived by these peasants from non-agricultural enterprises.

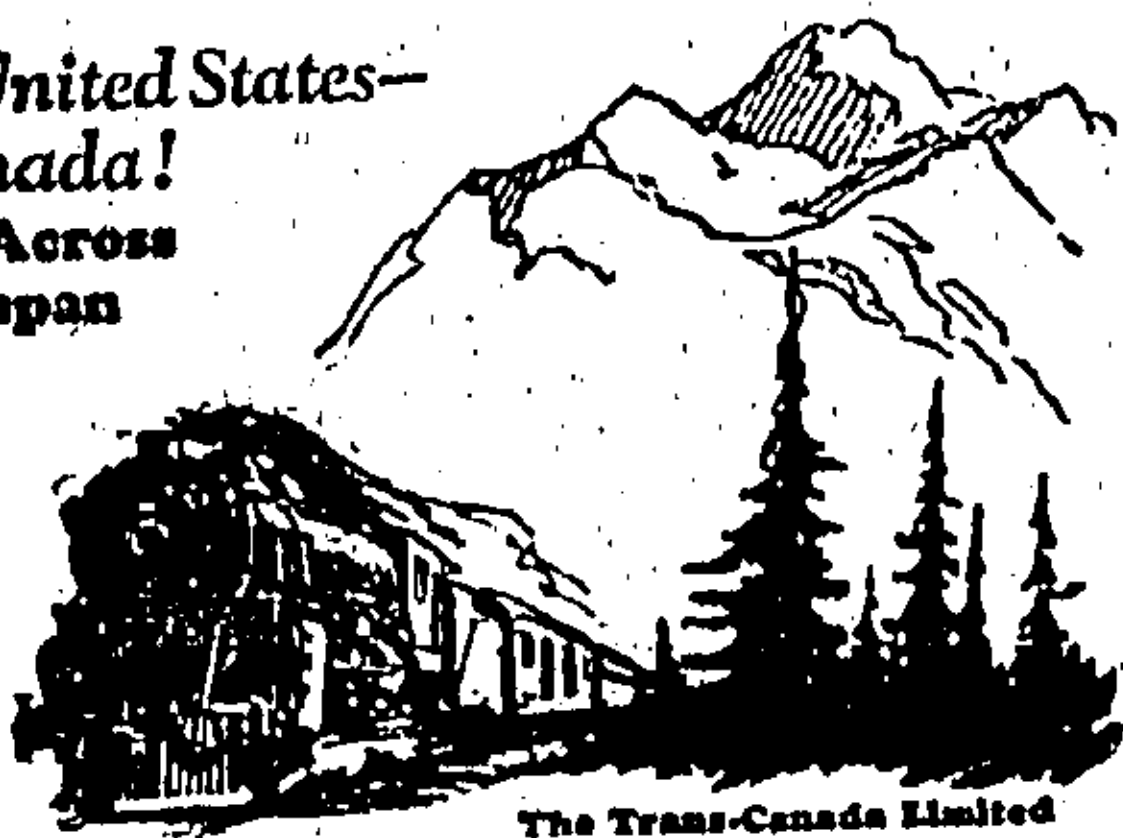
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TENANCY ACTION.

ARGUMENTS IN BUDREE VILLA CASE.

Mr. Justice Jackson reserved judgment in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon in the case in which the Bank de l'Indo Chine, French Building, sued Mr. J. H. Witchell, manager of the King Edward Hotel, for \$1,000 as mesne profits in respect of Mr. Witchell's occupation of Budree Villa, North Point.

The period of Mr. Witchell's occupation was from April, 1927 until March 16, this year, and the case concerned a tenancy agreement come to between Mr. Witchell and the landlord (who had previously mortgaged the premises to the Bank), by which a sum of \$1,541 incurred by Mr. Witchell in effecting repairs was to be repaid by deducting the rent of \$125 per month. The Bank sued as the mortgagees of the property.

Mr. M. M. Watson was for the Bank and Mr. D. L. Strellett conducted the case for Mr. Witchell.

Matter of Consternation.

Mr. Strellett said it would, no doubt, be a matter of some surprise and consternation to many tenants and leaseholders in the Colony when they realised a position which might arise if they discovered that, in fact, their landlord was a mortgagee and that at any moment, through circumstances over which they had no control whatsoever, they would be at the mercy of the mortgagee of the property with regard to eviction, claims for mesne profits and other claims that arose out of such action. It was clear that at Common Law the lease made by the mortgagee was good against everybody with the exception of the mortgagee and the tenant could not, even if he discovered the precarious position in which he found himself, do anything to escape from his liability to the mortgagee at that time.

The mortgagee was entitled to distrain and exercise all the ordinary remedies of the landlord and apparently, even if the mortgagee was to give notice that he was the mortgagee and did not ask for the rent to be paid to him, the trembling tenant found himself compelled to go on paying rent to the mortgagee although the danger of his position had been made clear to him by the notice of the mortgagee.

Agreement Valid.

Mr. Strellett went on to argue that the mortgagee had a perfect right to make the agreement with Mr. Witchell and the lease, which was good against anyone except the mortgagee, was a perfectly valid one. The arrangement was that the rent should be paid by liquidating a liability on the premises in regard to repairs for which the landlord had expressly made himself liable and such an arrangement was not unusual.

Mr. Strellett pointed out that there would have been no tenancy without the repairs. The tenancy, with the repairs agreement, was perfectly legal and justifiable and was one, by which any person who subsequently became entitled to the tenancy, was bound.

Mr. Strellett submitted that the arrangement in regard to the ten-

ancy was perfectly valid and enforceable and was a perfectly binding tenancy on both the tenant or the mortgagee. He further contended that there was no evidence that the mortgagee gave any notice of their intention to intervene in August. He then went on to deal with the evidence after which he submitted that the Bank had adopted the tenancy on the original terms and if they had adopted that tenancy they could not turn round later and accuse Mr. Witchell of being a trespasser.

"Something for Nothing."

Mr. Watson said he wished to remove the impression that the Bank was getting something for nothing from the work done by Mr. Witchell as that was not so. The repairs could have been done equally well by the Bank and added to the value of the mortgagee. The fact that someone else had effected the repairs did not affect the position of the Bank in the slightest.

Dealing with the evidence Mr. Watson asked his Lordship to note that the payment to the landlord of \$350 by Mr. Witchell was paid on account of rent and that there was no evidence at all of the amount which Mr. Witchell expended on behalf of the landlord. Mr. Watson continued Mr. Witchell had said that he was liable for a bill for \$1,541 except for items of paint but he had not been able to give any definite sum although he had been asked several times. There was no evidence of the amount claimed by Mr. Witchell to set-off against the landlord.

Mr. Strellett protested against Mr. Watson's assertion and some discussion turned on it.

No Definite Sum.

Mr. Watson said that the lack of a definite figure was most important because, if the landlord claimed against the defendant and he wanted to make a set-off, he would have to do it in the form of a counter-claim because the accounts would have to be examined. At the present moment, said Mr. Watson, Mr. Witchell was not able to say what that amount was.

Mr. Watson continued that the Bank demanded the rent in January and Mr. Witchell had not paid. That was all that was required of the Bank, Mr. Watson contended, as all they had to do was to bring the fact to the mind of Mr. Witchell that the Bank was claiming the rent. The Bank was, therefore, entitled to the rents for January, February and March.

The Bank had not considered it worth the expense of turning Mr. Witchell out, continued Mr. Watson, at an earlier date, so they had waited until he left and issued the present writ which could be tried in the Summary Court.

Adoption Point.

With regard to the adoption Mr. Watson argued that there was no evidence to show that the Bank took such a course or that they agreed to renew the tenancy. He went on to say that the Bank was not concerned with the agreement between Mr. Witchell and the landlord. Mr. Watson quoted authorities to show that such a set-off could only be made by a person interested in land and not by a personal contract and added that Mr. Witchell's avenue for relief was to proceed against the landlord.

Judgment was reserved.

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CARRIED TO THE COURT OF APPEAL.

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The prosecution now seeks his commitment on all charges. Mr. Birk seeks an absolute acquittal. —*Reuter.*

[This case was one in which M. Birk, the former Estonian Minister to Russia, was charged with publishing, in the interests of a foreign State, secrets concerning Estonia.]

TRAIN SMASH SEQUEL.

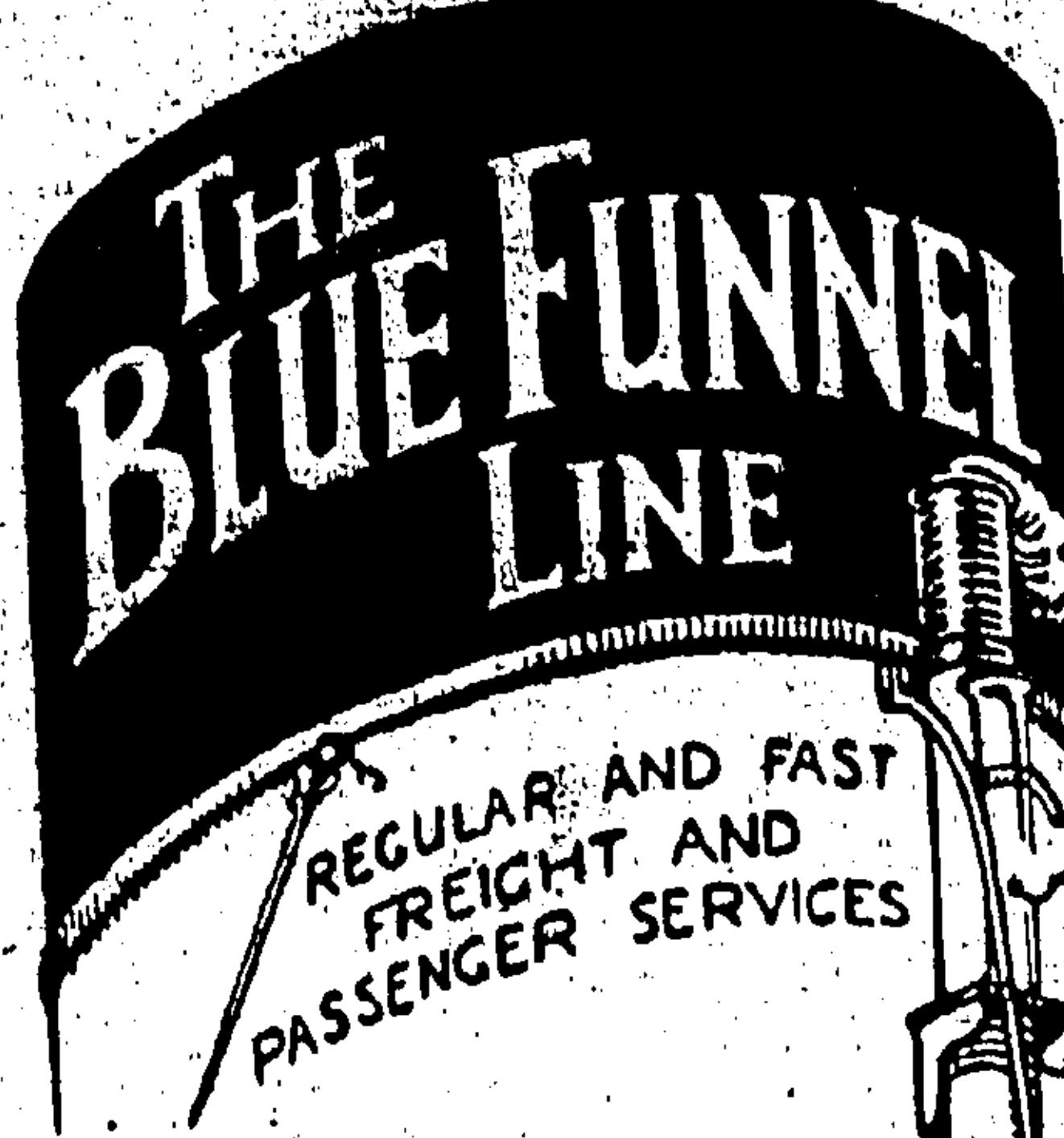
DEATH SENTENCE ON MAN FOUND RESPONSIBLE.

Rangoon, May 16.
As a sequel to the train smash last January the sessions judge Mr. Pegu sentenced an Indian named Kali to transportation for life on the charge of pulling up a length of rail with a view to wrecking the train and to death on the charge of committing a dacoity and murder in conjunction with others. Three other prisoners were acquitted. —*Reuter.*

VILNA OCCUPATION.

LITHUANIA'S PROTEST ON NATIONAL DAY.

Kovno, May 16.
Beacons have been lighted throughout Lithuania as a sign of protest against the Polish occupation of Vilna on the occasion of the national fête to commemorate the declaration of the country's independence. —*Reuter.*



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SALT SMUGGLING.

PROTEST AGAINST POLICE INTERVENTION.

The action of police officers during the past few days, in stopping people on the waterfront and wharves for the purpose of discovering if they carried any salt, came in for much criticism at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon, when the monthly meeting of the Chamber was held.

It was stated that the action followed the issue of a notice a few days ago, copies of which were pasted at the entrance of every wharf, which read:

"In response to representations made to this department by local shipowners, in consequence of the heavy penalties recently imposed by the Chinese Customs Authorities on ships for salt smuggling, notice is hereby given that all members of the police force are to render such police assistance to any ship as may be required by the European officers thereof." The notice was signed by the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.

It was brought out during the discussion that the notice was the outcome of an interview with the Captain Superintendent of Police by the Chairman of the Riverboat Owners' Association, who pleaded that in view of the fact that the Customs Authorities usually seized the ships when salt was discovered on board on any of the West River boats, any help rendered by the Police in Hongkong would be of great value.

Legitimate Trade.

The general feeling in the Chamber, however, was that there was no objection to the notice itself and that the shipowners were fully entitled to call in police assistance if salt was loaded on their boats; but if the police showed any extra zeal in the matter and stopped or questioned every person who happened to be carrying salt in the waterfront, or on to any wharf, then it would seem that the notice issued by the Captain Superintendent of Police would not act as a great hindrance to legitimate dealers in salt.

Mr. T. N. Chau, a representative of the shipowners, who was present at the meeting explained, that it appeared to him that if there had been instances where individual police officers had stopped any person on the waterfront or wharves simply because they carried salt, then that action was not supported by the notification, which expressly stated that the police were to render assistance to any ship when required by the officers of such ships.

Continuing, Mr. Chau said that he had interviewed the Captain Superintendent of Police himself and had discussed the matter of preventing salt smuggling and he clearly understood that the position of the police was to be strictly in accordance with the notice displayed on the various wharves. He assured the meeting that if that was complied with by the police officers on the Praya front, shipowners would be thoroughly satisfied.

A Delegation.

The Chairman, Mr. Li Yan-tsun suggested that a delegation should interview the police authorities and notify them of the complaints received by the Chamber. He suggested that in order to make such representations forceful members of the shipowners' association should also accompany the delegation.

Mr. M. K. Lo informed the gathering that within the last few days he had received several complaints from dealers in the salt trade, that the police have been interfering with the carrying of salt from ship to shore or vice versa. The Chamber should adopt an impartial attitude in this matter and should thoroughly consider and weigh up both the position of shipowners whose ship ply between Hongkong and West River ports, and

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NO. 52, TAI YUEN STREET SOLD.

At the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa offered for sale inland Lot No. 506 together with No. 52, Tai Yuen Street, which is erected on the land. No. 39, Catchick Street, which was also advertised for sale, was withdrawn without being offered.

The lot sold consists of the remaining portion of section B of inland Lot No. 506 and has an area of 955 square feet. It was put up at \$15,000 with bids of \$200 acceptable. Mr. Chan Chak-long raised the up-set price to \$16,200 and became the new owner.

No. 39, Catchick Street, which was withdrawn, is situated on the remaining portion of subsection 2 of section A of Marine Lot No. 243 and has an area of 750 square feet.

salt dealers who are hampered by the new notification.

As a member of the Chamber, Mr. Lo saw no objection to the notification, provided that individual members of the police force did not interfere until requested by the officers of the ships to do so. He explained that until salt was loaded on to a boat an officer had no right to assume that it was going to be loaded at all.

In the case of salt found on any wharf, Mr. Lo pointed out that in the cases of many river boats the same wharf might be used by two boats proceeding to different places and salt on the wharf did not really indicate any attempt to ship on boats bound for the West River. Moreover, junkies sometimes came alongside these wharves and it was perfectly legitimate to ship salt to any junk. He could not understand why there should be any interference by the police on the wharves.

Limit of Interference.

Proceeding Mr. Lo said that if any representations were to be made to the authorities, it was of the opinion that the Chamber's Chairman and Secretary would be the best persons to make such representations. One member each from the salt dealers and from the shipowners might with profit be added to such a delegation. He suggested that the Chamber should point out to the police authorities that they have no objection to the new notification provided police officers are explicitly instructed not to do anything or take any action in the matter of salt, unless requested by the officers of the ship.

The Chamber adopted Mr. Lo's suggestion and it is understood that the delegation from the Chamber will interview the Captain Superintendent of Police to-day.

In the course of the discussion on this question, it was stated at the meeting that salt smuggling was not done openly and that the action of the police in stopping the coolies, or any person, employed in carrying salt was not prudent. Smuggling went on most in the small hours, when the salt would be loaded on the steamer from little craft which would steal alongside or from the hold of one steamer to another. It was stated that police vigilance would be of far more service if concentrated on the actions of those who operated at these times.

In connexion with the above discussion, it was revealed yesterday that the Chamber had previously been requested by the Shipowners' Association to petition the Government to interfere in the matter. The Chamber had not done anything as it was felt that the matter was somewhat outside their province and should have been taken up by the shipowners with the Customs authorities.

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MIRZAPORE	6,715	19th June.	Straits & Bombay
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
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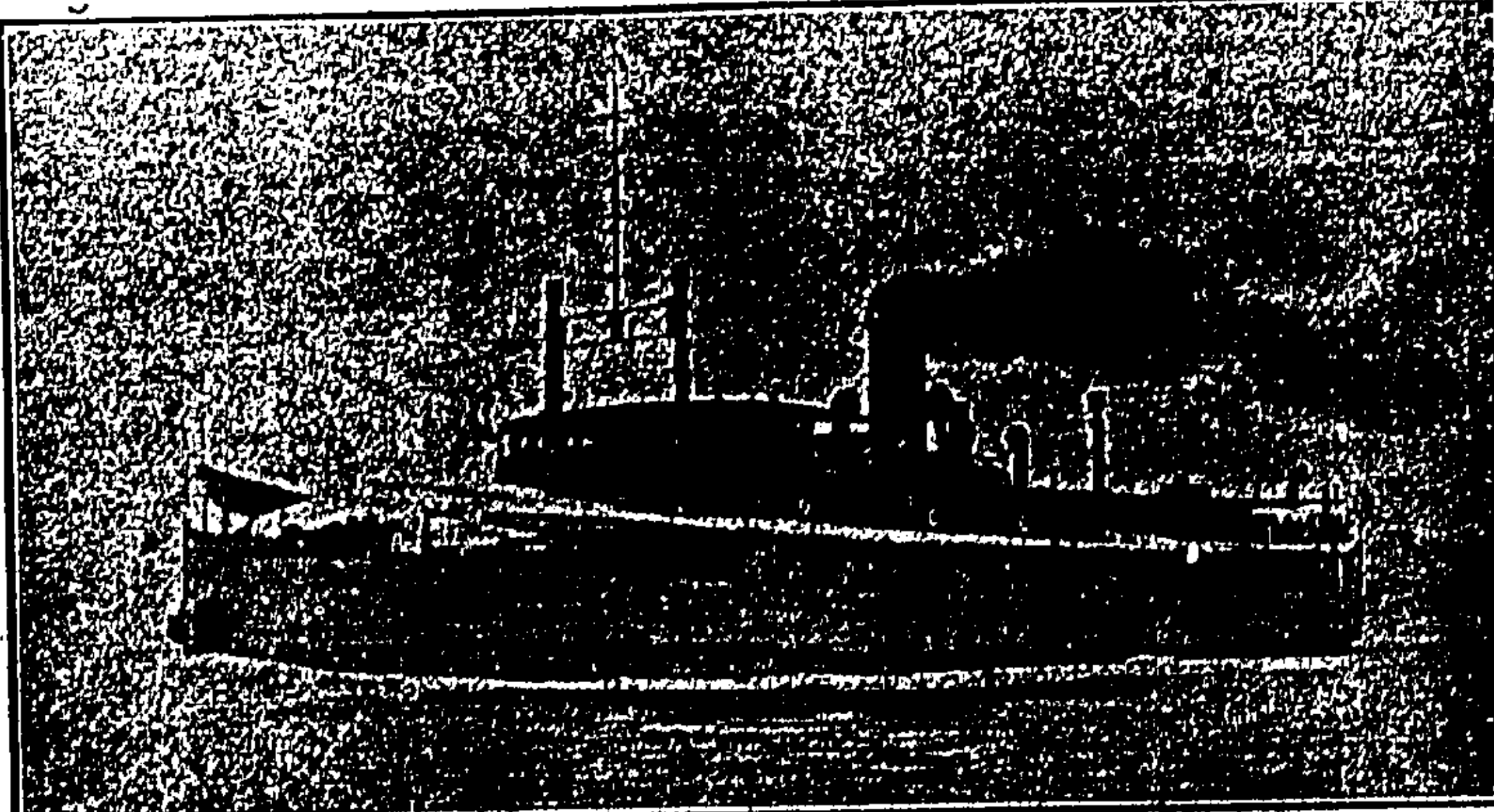
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